THE WEATHER.

Rain today; colder near the coast with moderate to brisk north winds; Sunday fair.

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CASE READY TO HEAR WITNESSES

Counsel for the Meat Packers Conclude Opening Statements.

GOVERNMENT'S WITNESSES

Three Hundred Will Be Called and It Will Require Many Months to Take All the Evidence—Government's Case

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Counsel for the ten Chicago meat packers charged with combining to control the price of meats in violation of the criminal sections of the Sherman law, concluded their opening statements to the jury today and United States District Judge George A. Carpenter adjourned court until next Tuesday morning. At that time the first witness for the government will take the stand.

The government will present its case in chronological order. The first witness will tell the story of the old packers' pool which it is charged was in existence prior to the organization of the National Packing Company in 1902 and which held weekly meetings at which, the government charges, prices were fixed. Later conditions which led to the formation of the National Packing Company will be detailed and in concluding its case, the government will endeavor to prove that the National Packing Company was the instrument the packers used to continue the old pooling arrangements.

Three hundred witnesses will be called by the government and it is believed it will take several months to present their testimony. In addition to this a mass of documentary evidence will be offered by the prosecution.

The jury will be closely guarded during the adjournment of court and the twelve men, all of whom are married, will be obliged to eat their Christmas dinner at a down town hotel.

Attorney John Barton Payne, who appeared for the National Packing Company, and Edward Tilden, its president, today read voluminous extracts from the report of former United States Commissioner of Corporations James R. Garfield, on the packing industry, made in 1905, to refute the allegations of the government against the packers.

Attorney Payne in his opening statement, said in part:

"As I view this case, it is not the indictment of the defendant but an indictment of a great business. The effect of this trial will be felt all over the world.

"For this reason I regard this matter as international importance. Chicago's commercial supremacy always has been closely linked with the meat packing industry.

"The growth and development of the country made big business enterprises necessary and the packers were no exception to the rule.

"In 1905, United States Commissioner of Corporation James R. Garfield, acting under the instructions of President Theodore Roosevelt, made an investigation of the entire packing industry and submitted his report to Congress. Many of the questions raised in this case were considered at length in that report.

"The Garfield report admits that packing industry conducted enables the farmer to get a high price for his cattle, and allows the consumer to get his meat at a lower price than if he was obliged to rely on local butchers," said Attorney Payne.

Mr. Payne read from the Garfield report to show that the National Packing Company had never been used by the packers to control prices. He said the earnings of that corporation had never exceeded 10.74 per cent. on its capital stock and that its profits on sales had never exceeded 1.59 per cent.

Attorney John S. Miller, representing the Armour interests, concluded the opening statements of counsel for the defense. He said meat prices were regulated by the natural law of supply and demand and ridiculed the suggestion that the indicted packers had the power to control the meat business of the country, even if they so desired.

A SHIPPING STANDSTILL

Dense Fog in Chesapeake Bay and Along Virginia Coast

Newport News, Va., Dec. 22.—Shipping in this section of the Chesapeake Bay and along the Virginia coast has practically been at a standstill for the past 24 hours owing to the dense fog that has enveloped the entire eastern portion of the State. Since early Thursday night but few steamers have moved and a number of foreign steamers as well as American steamers and sailing vessels are anchored for safety in Hampton Roads or the lower Chesapeake. The coastwise and bay pasenger steamers are delayed causing considerable inconvenience to those homeward bound for the holidays. No accidents have been reported up to this time and may not be, as the greatest possible caution is being used in navigating.

A drummer's line of fancy Christmas presents on sale at Gaylord's, at half price. **

WITNESSES ARE UNDER BONDS

Secure Their Appearance at Trial of Rev. Richeson—Minister Very Weak From His Self-inflicted Wounds.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 2.—Following the holding of Charles S. Pierce, a Newton Theological Institution student, in $300 bond yesterday, as a witness in the trial of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, charged with the murder of Avis Linnell, it became known today that another witness had to furnish bond for appearance at the trial. Miss Lucille L. Zeigler, roommate of Miss Linnell, at the Young Woman's Christian Association dormitory, was held under $500 bond.

Although Richeson's counsel, William A. Morse, after visiting his client in jail today, said he appeared very weak, Dr. Howard A. Lothrop, who performed the operation on the prisoner after Richeson had mutilated himself Wednesday, said that the patient was "getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances," and that unless unforeseen complications developed he should be able to attend the trial on January 15th. Attorney Morse said the defense had no plans to announce yet and could do little until Richeson regained sufficient strength to enable his counsel to converse with him at length.

REINDEER MEAT.

Opinion That It May Substitute Dwindling Beef Supply.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Reindeer meat from Alaska may be a food common to the American table in the near future to supplement the dwindling beef supply. This was the opinion expressed today by William F. Lopp, in charge of the government's reindeer service, who has just returned from a 14,000 mile tour of inspection through Alaska on behalf of the United States Bureau of Education, which administers the reindeer in the northern peninsula.

"A commercial shipment of reindeer meat, the first made into this country, has just been received at Seattle," said Mr. Lopp. "In 25 years from now at the present rate of increase there should be 3,000,000 prime beef reindeer in Alaska on which the people of this country can depend for much of their fresh diet.

"In taste reindeer meat is a cross between mutton and beef, but more palatable than either. Reindeer can be raised more cheaply than cattle because they will thrive on wastes so barren that even goats would starve there. There are 400,000 square miles of frozen tundra on Alaska fit for nothing else, but which as reindeer ranches would provide abundant pasturage for 10,000,000 of the animals.

"Reindeer raising," Mr. Lopp explained, "was introduced into Alaska about 20 years ago by the government, originally as a benevolent and educational enterprise, to raise the civilization of the natives from the hunting to the pastural stage. There are 3,000 of the animals there of which 20,000 belong to the natives."

PURE FOOD BOARD.

Oysters Floated in Brackish Waters Considered Adulterated.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Oysters floated in brackish water for fattening purposes hereafter will be considered as adulterated under the pure food and drug act, according to a decision by the pure food board. The decision will not be final until signed by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

Under a decision last year oysters were allowed to be fattened in "water of a less saline content than that in which oysters will properly mature." It is now held that this expression "is impossible of interpretation."

"The practice of floating oysters and other shell fish," the decision adds, "results in their adulteration by the addition of water. It is found also that the floating gives to the oysters and other shell fish a fictitious appearance resulting in the deception of the consumer. Moreover, the water in which they are grown, is usually in the mouths of streams or artificial inlets surrounded by houses and is almost nvariably polluted."

Under the previous decision oysters floated in water less salty than that in which they grew had to be labelled "floated oysters."

SECRETARY HESTER'S STATMENT

Comparatively World's Visible Cotton Supply—American Bales.

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 5,345,558 bales against 5,095,436 last week and 5,082,225 last year. Of this the total of American cotton is 4,615,558 against 4,426,436 last week and 4,109,725 last year and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India etc. 730,000 bales against 669,000 last week and 973,000 last year.

Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 2,610,000 as against 2,592,000 last year; in Egypt 223,000 against 277,000 last year; in India 251,000 against 307,000 last year, and in the United States 2,462,000 against 1,906,000 last year.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 22.—The State Senate passed the Presidential preference primary bill today without a dissenting vote. The bill now requires only the Governor's signature to become a law. It provides for the election of delegates to national party conventions by a Statewide vote, the entire group being pledged for a Presidential preference.

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PREMIER IS FIRM IN HIS DECISION

Evidently Steadfast in Not Accepting the Republican Form of Government.

WOULD RESIGN AS MINISTER

If Republic is Unavoidable Associates Say He Would Give Up His Office—Outcome of a Breach.

Peking, Dec. 22.—Yuan Shi Kai, the Premier, evidently still remains steadfast in his decision not to accept a Republican form of government for China as the price of peace within the Empire. Members of the Premier's entourage reiterated today that Yuan never will advise the abdication of the Emperor and thereby become a traitor. They say that if the formation of a Republic is unavoidable he will resign as prime minister. It had been suspected that Tang Shao Yi, the representative of Yuan and the Imperial government at the Shanghai peace conference, and Yuan were playing a prearranged game with the intention gradually to shear the Manchus of power and thereby prevent a Manchu rising in Peking; but the fact that Tang has telegraphed friends here asking them to endeavor to persuade Yuan of the necessity to accept a Republic seemingly indicates that Tang and the Premier are not in accord. After many conferences prior to his departure for Shanghai, Tang evidently believed that Yuan had been won over to the republican idea while on the other hand, Yuan thought Tang had been brought around to see the necessity for the continuance of the monarchy. Members of Yuan's entourage declare in these beliefs each man was self-deceived. Though no member of the foreign legations will venture a prediction on the outcome of the situation, there is a feeling that an agreement is possible between Yuan and a number of the rebel provinces perhaps not immediately, but after several renewed armistices. Yuan, it is thought, may offer the last concession possible, namely, the retirement of the empress dowager and the appointment of a Chinese regency to effect peace. The Premier has steadily been replacing officials and army officers through the northern provinces with trusted men, loyal to himself.

He believes he could regain and retain many of the rebel provinces if money were obtainable. A quartette of bankers is willing to support him, but up to the present time the legations have disagreed regarding a loan. The British legation desires the monarchy continued, but is receiving serious protests from business interetss in the South, which dread a boycott of their goods. The American legation, and also that of Japan, advocate supporting Yuan Shi Kai financially.

Should a definite breach come, with an Imperial government in the North and a Republic in the South, Yuan possibly could obtain money, though in fear of a boycott by the republican provinces, the legations have stated that loans must be for the peaceful administration of the country only. The government is continuing its so-called patriotic loans, which are more or less enforced from the princes and high officials.

COMMENTS ON LETTER

Sheldon Says Roosevelt Requested the Correspondence

New York, Dec. 22.—George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican National Committee, commenting today upon the publication of correspondence between himself and Theodore Roosevelt relative to the Harriman campaign contribution in 1904, and alluding particularly to his own letter to the Colonel, said it was written at Colonel Roosevelt's request. Mr. Sheldon took exception to the inference that the publication of the correspondence at this time indicated that the Colonel was a candidate for the 1912 Presidential nomination.

"Colonel Roosevelt has not told me that he is a candidate," said Mr. Sheldon." On the contrary he has told me repeatedly that he is not a candidate.

"Colonel Roosevelt and myself were aboard a train together some ten days ago and the matter came up in conversation from something in the news. I said, 'Why was the truth never told about this whole business, so that it could be shut up? Colonel Roosevelt, why can't you tell it now?' That is all there is to it."

Mr. Sheldon, questioned as to whether he regarded it as wise to revert at this time to the Harriman contribution incident, replied:

"I thought not, but Colonel Roosevelt asked me to write the letter and I did so. It was purely a matter of friendship on my part. That letter states the whole truth and ought to stop comment."

Guayquil, Ecquador, Dec. 22.—The funeral today of Emio Estrada, president of the Republic of Ecuador, who died suddenly here at midnight, was attended by all the government officials, the foreign consuls, officers of the army and a large crowd of citizens. Estrada, who was sixty-five years of age, died of a complication of diseases.

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WILL NOT BE INTERFERED

Officers in Virginia County Where Illegal Votes Were Cast Will be Permitted to Hold Offices

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Office-holders in Lee county, Virginia, who were elected at the recent election in which illegal votes are alleged to have been bought and sold in wholesale numbers, will be permitted to hold their offices unchallenged, according to Judge H. A. Skeen, who has been conducting the grand jury probe into election irregularities. This promise was made, it was stated today, to get evidence before the grand jury upon which to indict the vote-sellers.

Despite Judge Skeen's proclamation permitting guilty men to confess, take a minimum fine of $100 and escape further prosecution, no confessions were received today. It is authoritatively stated that more than 200 indictments were found by the grand jury but evidence secured indicate that nearly 1,200 voters in the county engaged in the vote traffic in the last November and preceding elections. According to commonwealth Attorney Ely, of Lee county, more than $36,000 was paid out for votes at the November election.

Attorney Ely charges that vote trafficking is even worse in some of the adjoining counties than in Lee and at the conclusion of the investigation in Lee county a similar probe will be started in Dickinson county, also in Judge Skeen's court.

The Lee county grand jury will reconvene in February to complete its work. Unless a satisfactory number of confessions have been received, it is stated, the jury is expected to return nearly 1,000 indictments.

DIES FROM OVERDOSE.

Popular Novelist Took Morphine and Death Followed.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Margaret Horton Potter, a novelist, was found dead today in her apartments from an overdose of morphine which a coroner's jury found was accidentally taken. For a time it was reported that death was from heart disease.

Testimony at the inquest was that she had long been addicted to the use of drugs and a few months ago was permitted to leave a sanitarium to which she had been committed. She complained of illness two days ago and her friends believe that the drug was taken by her in an effort to relieve her suffering.

For many years she had been prominent in literary circles and her novels were popularly supposed to reveal thinly veiled phases of society life in Chicago. In 1902 she was married to John D. Black and was divorced by him in 1910 shortly before she was sent to the sanitarium.

Miss Potter was born in Chicago in 1881. She was the daughter of Orrin W. Potter, one of Chicago's first millionaires. Her name came into prominence when, at 16 years old, she published a book which was so startling that her father and other members of the family bought up every copy they could find and destroyed the plates. Others of her books have been refused entrance to libraries.

SERUM WAR ON TYPHOID

Department of Agriculture Field Force Is to Be Vaccinated

Washington, Dec. 22.—As a result of the report of the commission recently appointed by Secretary James Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, it was decided yesterday that the field force of the department should be vaccinated against typhoid fever. This is the first time that a civil department of the government has taken this step. The serum will be obtained from the surgeon general of the army.

The most striking case of the benefits derived from the use of the serum was with the troops at both San Antonio and Galveston during the recent mobilization.

FIRE AT TIMMONSVILLE

Destructive Blaze in South Carolina Town---$80,000 Damage

Durham, N. C., Dec. 22.—Losses aggregating about $80,000 were entailed in the destruction by fire today at Timmonsville, S. C., of the Timmonsville Oil Company's mill, the stemmery of W. P. Henry, an independent tobacco manufacturer, of this city, and the Enterprise Stem Plant. The loss to the oil plant alone amounted to between $50,000 and $60,000.

OUTLINES.

Counsel for the Chicago packers have concluded their opening statements and the hearing of witnesses will commence after the holidays. The government's witnesses number 300.

——The opinion has been given that Alaska reindeer meat may substitute the dwindling supply of beef in the United States in the near future——Two witnesses have been placed under bonds for their appearance at the trial of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, under charge of murder, at Boston.

——Persia has agreed to accept the terms of the Russian ultimatum, and the hostilities of Russian authorities have been ordered to cease——Four men charged with stock swindling through the mails admitted their guilt yesterday at New York and were sentenced to a year each in prison.

New York markets: Money on call steady, 3 1-4 to 4 per cent.; ruling rate 4; closing bid 3 1-4; offered at 4. Spot cotton, dull. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat spot, easy; No. 2 red 95 1-4 elevator, export basis to arrive; 97 fob afloat. Corn, easy; export, new 69 fob afloat. Rosin firm. Turpentine quiet.

OPPOSE SCHEDULE FOR TARIFF WAR

Bill to Propose Raise of Russian Duties is Ridiculed.

APPLICABLE TO UNITED STATES

Opposing Members Duma Say Russian Agriculturists and Cotton Manufacturers Would Be Ones Affected

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Opposition members of the Duma ridicule ex-President Guchkoff's legislation proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the exposition of the Russo-American treaty of commerce and navigation which he and other signers representing the Octoberist and Nationalist parties in the Duma have introduced into that body. The opposition declare that the proposal would strike hardest at the Russian agriculturists and cotton manufacturers They do not expect the measure to advance beyond the committee stage. The Duma will adjourn tomorrow for a month and action on the proposal probably will be taken at the end of February.

The bill proposes to raise existing Russian duties by 100 per cent. and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent on articles which are admitted free under the present Russian tariff. Besides these impositions the bill proposes also to levy double the gross weight tax established by the law of June 21st, 1901, on merchandise arriving by sea and to levy a double tonnage tax. Should the present American tonnage tax be raised to the disfavor of Russian vessels then the Russian tonnage tax will be correspondingly increased.

It is said that the schedules are to be applicable to all countries which do not grant to Russia the most favored nation treatment in commerce and navigation. The proposal will be submitted to a financial commission

The necessity for the proposed legislation is explained in an accompanying declaration in which it is stated that the regular American tariff schedules which will be applicable to Russian goods at the expiration of the treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832, will be so high as to have a prohibitive character and that they greatly exceed the Russian normal tariff and navigation taxes which would be naturally applicable to American goods in the absence of the treaty.

IS L. M. SANDLIN INSANE?

Final Appeal for New Hanover Murderer—Has Been Examined

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—L. Clayton Grant, Esq., of Wilmington, and E. M. Koonce and J. E. Sandlin, of Onslow county, the latter a brother of L. M. Sandlin, conferred with Governor Kitchin today and presented evidence as to insanity in the Sandlin family in the hope of having the life of the New Hanover man spared by executive clemency. Sandlin was granted a reprieve until December 29th in order that new evidence might be presented. He was convicted and sentenced to die for the murder of his wife in Wilmington.

This afternoon the State hospital physicians examined Sandlin as to his sanity and they will make a report to the Governor. It is contended that he is not of sound mind, that he has on former occasions shown symptoms of insanity and that he was not responsible for his awful deed.

SCORES SUPREME COURT

Senator Owen Replies to Judge's Arraignment of Judiciary Recall

Oklahoma City, Dec. 22.—Declaring the Supreme Court of the United States "has become a bulwark of privileges," United States Senator Robert L. Owen at today's session of the State Bar Association replied to the arraignment of the judiciary recall by Judge B. C. Stuart. Senator Owen said he did not impugne the motives or honesty of the United States Supreme Court judges but that "all were influenced by their previous training and associations."

"Every man who has gone on that bench since the trans-Mississippi rate case had been in favor of writing into the laws the word 'unreasonable' which Congress refused to put there,' said Senator Owen.

Cincinnati, Dec. 22.—August Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, said today that Major League owners will not worry over the formation in New York last night of an outlaw baseball league with plans to put teams in Cincinnati, New York, Pittsburg, Brooklyn, Baltimore, Washington, Reading and Richmond. "All those leagues wind up at the same place—nowhere."

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STOCK SWINDLERS SENTENCED

Four Will Serve Term of One Year in Prison---Netted Millions of Profit, Occuping Expensive sive Offices

New York, Dec. 22.—As punishment for carrying on a stock swindle by mail, alleged to have extended over a period of two years and to have netted millions in profit, four promoters of the firm of Burr Brothers, Inc., were each sentenced today to a year's imprisonment on Blackwell's Island. The prisoners are Shelton C. Burr, president of the corporation; his brother, Eugene H., who was secretary-treasurer; Charles H. Tobey, vice president, and Edwin Wesley Preston. Unexpectedly they offered pleas of guilty before Judge Holt in the criminal branch of the United States Circuit Court late today. The indictment upon which hey were called to face trial specifically charged a swindle involving $68,000, in connection with the sale of the stock of the Peoples' Association Oil Company, but the government alleged that this was but one of the containing series of frauds estimated to have involved nearly $50,000,000 with $15,000, profit to the promoters.

Counsel for the defendants declared that rather than involve the expense of summoning witnesses from distant points, it was decided to plead guilty to the specific indictment. The maximum sentence possible on this charge is 18 months, and counsel for the defendants urged clemency.

United States District Attorney Wise opposed the plea for clemency.

Judge Holt pronounced sentence as a year each and the men were taken to the island tonight.

A little over a year ago the four men were prospering, occupying expensive offices in a Broadway skyscraper. On November 20th, 1910, Federal agents raided their offices in connection with a general round-up of mail stock swindlers ordered by Postmaster General Hitchcock. Their business had been mainly the sale of stocks and bonds and oil and gold mining enterprises.

TAFT COMPLETES PURCHASES.

Christmas at the White House Begins Today.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Taft continued his Christmas shopping tonight, visiting several downtown stores and making a few purchases. Washington was swept by a Winter rain all afternoon and when the President ventured out it was in one of the White House automobiles.

With his purchases tonight the President practically completed his list which includes friends all over the world.

Tomorrow the Christmas season at the White House really begins for more than 100 fat turkey gobblers will be distributed for the President to all married men employed around the building.

The President and his family plan to observe this Christmas just as they have the other two they have spent here. Miss Helen and Charlie Taft are already at home and Robert, the oldest son, will arrive tomorrow. Charlie is too old now for a Christmas tree and probably will not hang up his stocking this year.

The White House dinner will be served at 7:30 and there will be no guests. During the day the President probably will attend church and if it is fair, will take a long walk with some friend. Several gifts already have reached the White House, but have not been opened.

UNCLE SAM'S UNIFORMS.

Laws in States Having Naval Posts to Prevent Discrimination.

Washington, Dec. 22.—In an attempt to have States which have not as yet placed such laws on their statute books and which have naval establishments within their borders enact legislation to prevent discrimination against the uniforms of the men of Uncle Sam's service, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Beekman Winthrop has addressed letters to the governors of Massachusetts, Maine, California, Illinois, Virginia, Colorado, Washington, South Carolina and Maryland.

The States of New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Minnesota already have such laws, and Mr. Winthrop has forwarded with his letters copies of the laws now in force in these States. He urges the governors to prevail upon their legislatures to enact the proper legislation which would insure respect for the uniform of the United States.

FAMILY TREES SPLIT COUPLE

Daniel Boone's Descendant Gets Divorce from Kin of Thos. Jefferson

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—John T. Boone, Jr., a lineal descendant of Daniel Boone, obtained a divorce at Clayton today from Ethel Edwards Boone, great-grandniece of Thomas Jefferson.

One of the allegations Boone made on the witness stand was that his wife repeatedly told him that her family tree was superior to his. She considered Thomas Jefferson a more distinguished ancestor than the great Kentucky pioneer and Indian fighter, and that she repeatedly declared the Boones "looked like washerwomen when compared with the Jeffersons."

They were married in 1892. An alimony settlement was made out of court. Though Mrs. Boone had announced she would contest the suit, she did not appear.

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PERSIA YIELDS TO RUSSIA'S DEMAND

The Persian Charge D'Affaires Officially Made Announcement.

DISMISS TREASURER GENERAL

Russian Authorities Instructed to Cease Hostilities—Persia Will Pay Indemnity for Expenses Incurred

London, Dec. 22.—Persia today yielded to the demand of the Russian ultimatum that W. Morgan Shuster, an American who holds the post of treasurer general in the Persian government, be dismissed from the service of the Persian government. The Russian ultimatum also calls for the payment of an indemnity which is to reimburse Russia for money expended in sending an armed expedition into Persia to enforce her demand.

Mr. Shuster's administration of Persian finances has been displeasing to Russia from the start and when he caused the seizure of property belonging to the brother of the ex-Shah, over the protest of the Russian vice consul, Russia at first demanded an apology and as this was not forthcoming, called for the dismissal of Mr. Shuster. This has finally been acceded to.

The Persian charge d'affaires at St. Petersburg called at the Russian foreign office late today to announce officially his government's decision to abide by the terms of the ultimatum. Up to a late hour tonight, however, no public announcement had been made at Teheran of the recession of Persia from the defiant attitude she originally took against the demands of the Czar's ministers even in the face of threatened aggressive measures. The delay in making public the fact that she had yielded to the Russian demands probably was through fear of consequences of public resentment.

Mr. Shuster is still without formal notice of his dismissal. He is resolute in declaring that he would have nothing to do with the negotiations and would only recognize the right of the National Council to dispense with his services.

The exact form of Persia's reply to Russia is not yet known, but from the latest news received from Teheran, it would seem that the cabinet has overridden the wishes of the commission which the National Council appointed to deal with the matter. It is not probable that there will be a withdrawal of the Russian troops in Persia while disorder such as those at Tabriz are occurring. There are only 200 Russian troops encamped three miles outside of Tabriz from which guards are sent to town daily for the consulate and banks. From conflicting Russian and Persian accounts of the trouble at Tabriz, it is difficult to ascertain exactly what happened, but reports published in St. Petersburg are to the effect that several Russian soldiers were killed in the fighting there.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The Persian Charge d'Affaires called officially at the foreign office this afternoon and announced that Persia had yielded to Russia's demand. He had an audience with M. Sazonoff, the foreign secretary, and in the name of the Persian government, formally declared that Persia would concede all the points mentioned in the Russian ultimatum.

A telegram received here from Teheran says that W. Morgan Shuster, the treasurer general of Persia, has been notified of his dismissal and that the Persian government has instructed the local authorities to cease hostilities and enter into negotiations with the Russian consuls to restore normal conditions.

Russia Will Get Indemnity

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The Russian ultimatum to the terms of which Persia has now acceded was delivered to the Persian government by the Russian minister at Teheran on November 29th. It demanded besides the dismissal of Mr. Shuster, an apology from the Persian government on account of its interference with the property of Persians under Russian protection, and also the payment of an indemnity to Russia for the expenditure she had incurred in sending troops on to Persian territory. The National Council declined at first to comply with Russia's demands although the cabinet was inclined to do so. Yesterday Russia threatened to order the advance of 4,000 troops of all arms from Kasbin, unless Persia ceded within twenty-four hours. A further discussion of the question at issue between the members of the Persian cabinet and the National Council evidently led the latter to see the advisability of yielding to Russia's demands.

National Council Meets.

Teheran, Dec. 22.—The commision appointed by the National Council to deal with the acceptance of the Russian ultimatum held a long session tonight, but it is reported that its members were unable to agree on the wording of the cabinet's draft of a reply to Russia.

It is stated in Russian official circles that while the Russian government is sincerely desirous for an early withdrawal of its troops in Persia, it will be unable to pledge an evacuation immediately unless Persia complies with the terms of the ultimatum.

Speculation is rife whether the cabinet will act without sanction. On its

failure to do so the commission would assume dictatorial power.

In an interview tonight Morgan Shuster, the treasurer general, said he had received no communication either from the commission or the cabinet regarding his position. He is still awaiting action by the National Council or its duly authorized successor. He says he refuses to take any part in the discussions or negotiations concerning the Russian ultimatum.

According to Persian semi-official information the Russian troops attacked and killed all the police at Resht, bombarded the citadel at Tabriz and rushed the government officers there, seized the governor's residence and the courts of justice and police headquarters. It is reported that the Russian consul at Resht has assumed the government of the town.

It is understood that the cabinet draft of the reply to the Russian ultimatum expressed a willingness to meet the Russian demands in the fullest manner, merely suggesting a slight modification in the second demand and expressing the hope that all traces of recent unfriendliness should vanish.

ROASTS THE GOVERNMENT

State Should Deal With Blind Tigers Says Governor Aycock

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—Ex-Gov. Charles B. Aycock protested strenuously this afternoon in the Federal Court against the government continuing its prosecution of little cases for retailing liquor, the practice, as he branded it, being unworthy of the government. The State has a prohibition law that is up to it to enforce, the government licenses no retailers in this State and these petit retailing cases he regards as invasion of State's rights and altogether beneath the dignity of the Federal government or any Federal Court.

"Ordinarily, I love the United States," declared the ex-Governor, "but when I come into the Federal Courts and see these little prosecution, that love is put to a severe trial."

Judge Connor stated from the bench that while many of them were trivial cases, they were violations that must be curbed and as long as they are brought into his court he would have to deal with them. Two Goldsboro negroes before the court for retailing brought on the incident.

BELT LINE AT HIGH POINT.

Southern Railway Will Invite Construction Bids at Once.

High Point, N. C., Dec. 21.—The Southern Railway Company will at once invite bids for the construction of a belt line railway at High Point connecting the main line with the Asheboro branch.

The rapid growth of High Point as an industrial centre has made this improvement necessary, both in order to facilitate the movement of freight to and from existing industrial plants and to provide site for the location of new indutries with rail connections. The project has been under consideration for several years and negotiations for the right of way, which have been in progress for some time, have just been concluded. The new line, which will be about two miles long, will leave the main line of the Southern Railway at a point opposite the Pockett cotton mills and will run in a generally easterly direction to the Asheboro branch.

TRAINS RUNNING LATE.

Holiday Travel on With a Rush Through the State.

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 22.—The Observer this afternoon says:

The railroad trains are running late this week on account of the tremendously heavy passenger travel and express business. The Palmetto limited, No. 83, due here at 7:15 A. M., did not arrive this morning until 10 o'clock. A singular mishap happened to No. 85, due here at 1:20 A. M. yesterday. The engine jumped the track in the yards at Richmond and was put out of commission. There was not a spare engine at that point, and the train had to lie over until an engine could be carried there from Rocky Mount, not arriving here until late yesterday afternoon.

TWO COMPANIES MERGE

Winston Concerns Conform With Supreme Court Decree

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 21.—For the purpose of conforming with the decreee of the United State Supreme Court, the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and the Lipfert Scales Company, will amalgamate January 1st next. The Reynolds Company, which formerly owned a two-thirds interest in the Lipfert Scales Co., has purchased the remaining one-third. The brands of tobacco of the retiring firm will be manufactured by R. J. Reynolds Company, and the employes of the Lipfert Scales Company will be retained by the Reynolds Company, which is now constructing one of the largest and most modern buildings in the South.

PASSES CENTURY MARK

Uncle Natty Williams of Elkin Dies at One Hundred and Seven

Elkin, Dec. 21.—Uncle Natty Williams, as he was called by everybody that knew him in this section, died last Saturday at the advanced age of 107 years. He was the oldest man in this part of the State. He was not sick, but just wore out with the infirmities of old age. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at State Road Sunday, surrounded by a large concourse of friends and neighbors, who had assembled to pay their last earthly respects to the quiet, humble old man.

London, Dec. 21.—The government has lost another seat in the House of Commons, owing to the result of the by-election for North Ayrshire, Scotland. A. M. Anderson, K. C., the Liberal member, returned at the last election, had to seek re-election upon his appointment as solicitor general for Scotland, and was defeated by Captain D. F. Campbell, Conservative, by a majority of 271 votes.

Danville, Va., Dec. 22.—The Wake Forest College basketball quintette of North Carolina won from the Danville Y. M. C. A. tonight by the score of 25 to 24. The visitors secured a commanding lead in the first half, but were outplayed in the second.

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..Theatrical..

"The Chorus Lady," which comes to the Academy next Saturday, one week from today, was one of the biggest successes of the season in New York, where it ran for one solid year. The New York World criticises as follows:

"'The Chorus Lady' by James Forbes, which was presented at the Wallack's Theatre last night, proved to be one of the best comedies of the season. Not only did the author provide four acts of keen enjoyment, but he introduced a character entirely new to Broadway. In developing his play of love and intrigue off and on the stage, Mr. Forbes used material that was very novel and he clothed his characters with new raiment and drew them so true to life that they pleased the finer sensibilities. The first scene shows Patricia in the guise of a chorus girl out of a job. Some of the slang may miss fire with the general public, but there is enough to appeal to the lay mind to carry it. The second act represents the chorus room of a New York theatre and proved to be one of the brightness, with its score of girls and the general trend of life behind the scenes. The third and fourth acts have just the required amount of strength and it was in these that the real dramatic action occurs and they held the audience in breathless uncertainty until a moment before the curtain fell. The play is a model of pure comedy.

At The Bijou.

The merry and popular Bijou is indeed going to be joyful today, as it will blend a big week-end bill with a glorious Christmas eve celebration. The Bijou will virtually keep "open house" all this afternoon and tonight and home folks and visitors will receive a cordial welcome and be given rare treats in one of the biggest shows ever presented in Wilmington. They are also assured that the Bijou will be as warm as a toast. In fact, the solid comfort of the Bijou is one of its strongest cards this kind of weather. Comedy will run riot in today's bill, but with plenty of the stirring dramatic that will furnish an excellent foil and thus provide splendid variety. The music for today will be in keeping with the jolly occasion, being of gala swing. One of Lubin's greatest films, "Love Decides," is a star for today. It is a film of a young wife's great temptation to leave her older husband and seek the love of a younger man, but honor holds forth and she remains true to her husband. Besides teaching a fine moral in most wholesome manner the setting for the story is one of beautiful rural scenery. "Buckskin Jack, the Earl of Glenmore," is another star on today's bill. It is the story of a titled Englishman who in early childhood came to America and became a Western cowboy. The scenes then change to England, where the cowboy earl carries the breezy atmosphere of the rugged American West into the sedate English home. A pretty story runs throughout the film, and it's great for novelty.

The Grand Theatre

The Grand Theatre will offer another superb bill for the holiday throngs today and Mr. Morgan will sing a brand new Irish song, that is sure to prove a winner. The two topliners on the moving picture bill will be a Vitagraph, "The Ventriloquist's Trunk," introducing Mr. Bunny at a Summer hotel, and "The Maid at The Helm," a true-to-life tale of the seething gale and the briny deep, written and produced by Francis Bogg. The voyage on the Minnehaha ends in disaster with the exception of Capt. Barker and his daughter, Elizabeth, and the mate, Bill, having perished. The mate is infatuated with the girl and the story is one of love and the triumph of pluck and perseverance. The "Ventriloquist's Trunk" is packed with loads of fun and a host of funny people. You can't keep the lid down. It fairly bursts with laughter and Bunny and Prof. Dinkenspiel will keep the spectators laughing from start to finish. The films, orchestra, the song by Mr. Morgan and the always-comfortable, pleasant surrounding at The Grand should pack the theatre from "pit to dome."

AFFAIRS AT DUNN, N. C.

Missionaries Return---Negro Electrocuted—"The Thief" Presented

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 22.—The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. A. A. McFadden are rejoicing with Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, parents of Mrs. McFadden, on the news that the doctor and his wife will soon be at home. They sailed from Hangchow, China, November 28th, and will reach here by the New Year. The young couple left Harnett county about seven years ago as missionaries, under the care of the Presbyterian Church, and this is their first trip home. Dr. McFadden practiced medicine in Duke for several years before going to China.

A negro named Monds was killed in a very peculiar manner here last night, having been found dead this morning near one of the arc lamps of the town lighting system. The lamp had been lowered to the ground for repairs and it is supposed that the negro in passing, took hold of the guy wire which was used in lowering and raising the light. The night was very wet and rainy and the high voltage wires of the city lighting system seem to have been short-circuited through this wire, which the negro caught hold of and was eleotrocuted.

The graded school closed Wednesday afternoon and all the teachers left for their respective homes to enjoy the holidays——Prof. John A. McLean and wife, of Franklinton, are spending the holidays with the parents of Mrs. McLean.

Theatre-goers are looking forward to tonight when "The Thief" will be played at the Metropolitan theatre. Since the opening of the new town hall and the theatre Dunn people have had several good plays. In fact, they get almost everything that comes to the larger towns of the South.

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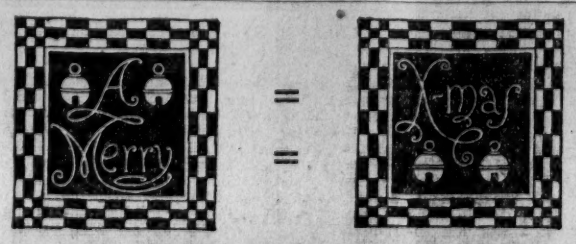

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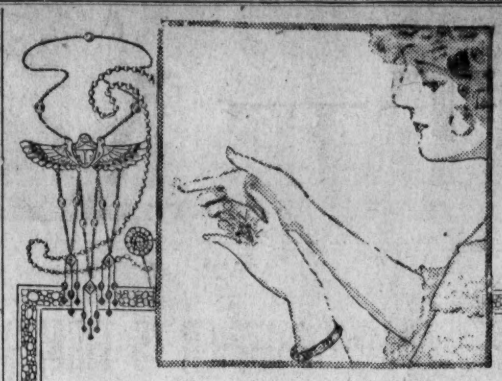

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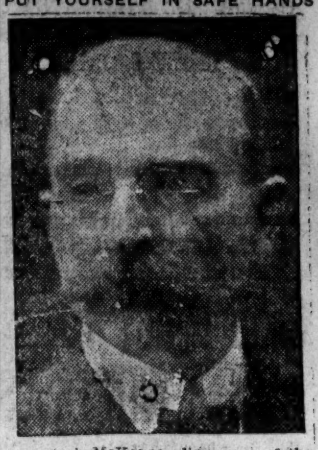

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Pursuant to the provisions of said will, the said lands will be divided into four equal parts and each part will be sold separately.

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION

of the Sentence of Death Imposed by Law Upon L. M. Sandlin.

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for commutation to life imprisonment of the sentence of death imposed by law upon L. M. Sandlin by reason of his conviction at the July term of the Superior Court of New Hanover County of the crime of murder.

All persons who oppose the granting of said commutation are invited to forward their protests to the Governor without delay.

This 12th day of December, 1911.

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AFFAIRS AT STATE CAPITAL

Sad Funeral of Child—Baptist Convention Statistics—Readjustment of Federal Clerkships—Harnett and Cumberland.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—An especially sad funeral service was conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock when the terribly burned remains of little Margaret Eason Christman, the three-months-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Christman, were laid to rest, she having been burned to death in the Christman home last evening on Newbern avenue.

The latest solution of the mystery of the fire is that coals rolled down from the grate and ignited clothes that were hanging before the fire. The blaze spread to the cradle that was only a little distance from the hearth. The mother had only left the room for a few moments and was attracted by the smoke. She snatched the child from the burning cradle linen and a servant dashed a bucket of water over the child. However, the flames had gotten in deadly work and the child expired early in the night. Dr. Christman is State veterinarian and he and Mrs. Christman will have the sympathy of friends all over the State.

Della Bell, a negro woman, died in Rex Hospital this morning from gun shot wounds in her face and neck, inflicted by her husband at their home in Johnston county a week ago. His name is Needham Bell and he is said to have been on a drunken spree. He was a widower with five children and married the woman who was a widow with one child last May. One of the shots was at close range and almost tore her face from her head.

The North Carolina Baptist Board of Missions, in session here last night and this morning, settled the matter of the apportionment of the missions funds of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention on the basis of the scope of work mapped out by the recent convention at Winston-Salem. There is $50,000 for State missions; $2,500 for State Sunday School extension work, the amount for missions being $5,000 more than last year. There were prominent Baptists here from all over the State for the meeting just held. Jno. E. Ray, of Raleigh, was re-elected president of the board and E. L. Middleton, Sunday School secretary, and W. R. Bradshaw, assistant corresponding secretary. Rev. Livingston Johnson, corresponding secretary, being an officer of the State convention.

It is generally understood that in the re-adjustment of the clerkships in the Federal courts effective January 1st, there will be no changes in the Eastern district clerkships except that Major H. L. Grant, clerk at Raleigh, will become clerk for the entire district and the clerks at each of the other points—Washington, Elizabeth City, Newbern and Wilmington, will be designated as deputy clerks just ts they were prior to the change that was made 12 years ago.

The Supreme Court has just settled in favor of Harnett county, a suit that was brought against the county by Cumberland county commissioners alleging that the act of the last Legislature giving to Harnett about six square miles of territory heretofore a part of Cumberland, did not have its constitutional number of separate readings in the two branches of the Assembly before it was ratified. Both counties were trying to levy and collect taxes from the people in this section this year. The act passed the Legislature without serious opposition and the issue of improper enactment was raised after the Legislature adjourned.

WILSON NEWS NOTES

Two Industrial Plants Resume Operations—Depot Site—Other Items

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 22.—Two of Wilson's large industries which closed down some months ago are again busy or will soon be at work. The Wilson Cotton Mills this week resume operations and the Runnymede Knitting Mills are getting ready to resume work about January 1st and have advertised for help. These plants will give employment to about 300 operatives and the effect will be noticed in city trade circles.

The visit here this week of the members of the North Carolina Corporation Commission regarding the desired union station for the Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk-Southern Railroads, was of much interest to our citizens. The party were shown the sites which have been discussed and while of course, they gave no intimation of what their conclusion would be, yet it is believed that they are convinced that Wilson's request for a union passenger station is reasonable and desirable for the traveling public.

Superior Court has been in session this week, Judge Ferguson, of Waynesville, presiding. This term was devoted to criminal cases entirely but no trials of especial interest were on the docket.

The social season has been especially gay with the approaching of the holidays, the principal event of the week being the german given by the Bachelors' Club, complimentary to Mr and Mrs. J. S. Whitehead, who have this week returned from their bridal trip to New York and other cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Miller have returned from their bridal trip to New York and other points and are at home on North Tarboro street.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

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MUNICIPAL MEAT MARKET

Initiative Measure by Socialists in Greensboro—Poor Express

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 22.—The voters of Greensboro and people of the State will within a short time have an opportunity of further observing the commission form of government at work and will witness the use of the initiative and referendum for the first time with reference to a legislative measure. The resort to the initiative and referendum was made necessary by the presentation to the commissioners of a petition signed by more than 25 per cent. of the entire vote for all candidates for mayor at the last election, calling for an election on the question of the establishment of a municipal meat market in the city. The petition was circulated by leading socialists and little attention was paid to it until they came before the commissioners with the required number of signatures for an election.

There were 13 marriages in Greensboro yesterday and try as hard as they could the principals who believe in Jonah numbers could not make it 14 or get it back to a dozen.

There is much bitter complaint here relative to the manner in which the local office of the Southern Express Company is treating its patrons. The express company, always reserving right to charge whatsoever rate it pleases, has gone a step beyond that "fixed policy" this year and in addition to charging exorbitant rates for express has refused to call for express packages in any shape, form or fashion. Not only does the local office of the Southern Express decline to call for articles but it has not established an up-town office and patrons of the express, including women and children, find it necessary to tramp through the mud and slush to the passenger station and there await the pleasure of the express monopoly to forward Christmas packages. The situation here has become so intolerable and vexatious that it is understood that the matter will be formally taken before the Corporation Commission in an effort to secure some sort of relief. The Southern Express Company here has simply adopted the policy of the "people be d—ed."

AT TRINITY COLLEGE

Lights From Long Distance Current—News of the Campus

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Dec. 22.—Beginning at an early date Trinity College will take on the service of the Southern Power Company for furnishing electric lights for the entire college plant. Arrangements are now being made to connect the college with the big wires of this company whose lines have recently been projected to Durham. In case this is done the college will soon be using this "juice," and the students will be studying their lessons by light that is transmitted for 200 miles from the plant of the Southern Power Company at Great Falls.

The course in the Department of Education covering the principles of child study in the first half year, and school management during the second term, which up to the present time has been given by Prof. W. D. Carmichael, superintendent of the Durham City Schools, will be under the direction of Prof. E. C. Brooks, after the holidays. This change is made necessary on account of the withdrawal of Prof. Carmichael from school work to enter the service of the American Tobacco Company.

The Christmas recess began Thursday at 1 o'clock, and will last until Wednesday, January 3rd, at which time classes will be resumed. Nearly all the students have gone home for the holidays but there will be from 15 to 20 who will remain on the campus during the noliday season.

Prof. R. L. Flowers, secretary to the college, has received a letter from Miss Virginia Lee Patterson, of Fredericksburg, Va., who states that her father, John H. Patterson, was a student at Trinity College before the Civil war. He left college to join the Thirty-seventh Battalion of Virginia Cavalry. Miss Patterson is anxious to receive information about the formation of the battalion and also any one who knew her father in college.

MR. W. S. McNAIR DEAD.

Passed Away at Home of Relative in Laurinburg on Thursday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Maxton, N. C., Dec, 21.—This morning at 4 o'clock, while the clouds were dropping their tears to Mother Earth keeping time to the soul wrenched sobs of friends and relatives gathered around his bedside, at the home of a relative in Laurinburg, the life of Mr. Walter S. MacNair left his body and his soul passed into the Beyond.

To those familiar with the events leading up to the ever recurring tragedy of this morning, this was no surprise. For from the first when word reached his friends here in his home town that "Uncle Billy," as he was known to his intimate friends, had suffered a stroke of paralysis while on a visit to the neighboring town, the end was not unexpected. Yet many a tear-wet eye showed the grief that was felt when it was whispered that Mr. Walter had been gathered unto the God of his fathers.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed beyond the fact that the services will be conducted by Rev. H. G. Hill, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, from the home, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The immediate family surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary MacNair, and two daughters, Mrs. Lacy Williams and Miss Bessie MacNair.

Out of respect to Mr. MacNair's memory there were no exercises at the Graded School today beyond the devotional exercises in the morning. Since its founding 11 years ago Mr. MacNair has been an active member of the school board and has always been a friend of the school.

Today the graded school was dismissed by Supt. R. L. Thomason for the Christmas holidays. School will not reconvene until January 2nd.

Mr. Thomason leaves for Salisbury in the morning to spend the holidays with his parents.

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TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

Two Fatal Blazes Occurred in New York Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 22.—Two fatal fires occurred in the city early tonight. One burst out in a spectacular manner in the seven-story terminal warehouse at 113th avenue and 28th street, and drove a score of employes to the roof when they came down by fire escapes. Later a charred body was found near the freight elevator and was identified as that of "Gus" Roth, a varnisher. The fire caused a loss of $50,000.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors for Services Tomorrow.

Bladen Street Methodist church, Fifth and Bladen streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor—Preaching at 11 A. M. Subject: "Christ Our Example." Sunday school, 3:30 P. M., J. B. Taylor, Supt. Preaching at 7:30 P. M. Subject: "Christ Our Saviour." Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to all these services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church—Services morning and evening at the usual hours, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure. There will be communion at the morning service and special music in the evening.

EASILY DECIDED

This Question Should be Answered by Wilmington People

Which is wiser—to have confidence in the opinions of your fellow-citizens, of people you know, or depend on statements made by utter strangers residing in far-away places? Read the following:

J. F. Hansley, 406 Walnut street, Wilmington, N. C., says: "My back and kidneys troubled me a great deal and I think it was due to my being on my feet so much. I suffered from dull, dragging backaches and I could not stoop without having sharp twinges in my loins. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and there was sediment in them. Some time ago I heard about Doan's Kidney Pills, I got a box from Bellamy's Drug Store and in a few days after I began their use, my pains and aches disappeared. I have felt so much better in every way since using Doan's Kidney Pills that I have no hesitation in recommending them." (Statement given February 25th, 1908.)

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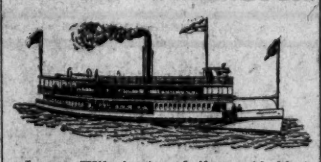

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Lv. Lynchburg	2:40 a m	6:25 p m
Ar. Cincinnati	7:25 a m	6:25 p m
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DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90, ‡ 3:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:35 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M.)	No. 91, a 1:00 A. M.
No. 51, * 5:45 A. M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50, *11:40 P. M.
No. 64, ‡ 5:50 A. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 65, ‡ 6:50 P. M.
No. 48, * 8:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P. M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A. M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52, * 8:05 P. M.
No. 55, * 3:15 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway (1) Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, 1:40 P. M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P. M.
No. 59, ‡ 6:30 P. M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations.	No. 60, ‡10:15 A. M.
No. 42, * 7:00 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, * 9:45 A. M.
No. 57, ‡ 7:30 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations.	No. 58, ‡ 8:30 A. M.

* Daily. ‡Daily except Sunday. a Daily except Monday.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1911.
Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

EAST BOUND.			WEST BOUND.		
Leave Wilmington for Winter Park	Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville	Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville Beach for Wilmington
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No. 39—3:25 P. M.—For Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with through trains for Atlanta, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Norfolk, New York, and trains in all directions. Arrive Hamlet 7:40 P. M.; leave Hamlet, 8:00 P. M.; arrive Charlotte, 10:50 P. M.

Trains Arrive at Wilmington:

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No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41, for Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis; No. 84, for Washington and New York; No. 32, for Portsmouth, Norfolk, and No. 43, for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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Saturday, December 23, 1911.

People who wait for something to turn up never build a town. Towns are built by men who turn up some thing themselevs.

The man who gets ahead of others gets knocked, but that is no reason why he should lag behind so he won't be worth the attention of knockers.

The Rev. Dr. Henderson, of Boston, declares that "the ox type of man rules America." Most everybody thought it was the long-eared type.

"Always make haste," says a writer If you can't make haste make hay We hope every North Carolina farmer will have hay on his bill of fare in 1912.

In this day of progress some men think they are conservatives, while everybody else regards them as mossbacks. The reactionaries are those who think everything will run smooth ly in the same old rut.

Those most interested in buying cotton at a reasonable price beat down the market. If they have to pay a big price next Fall it is because the buyers have so run down the price that the farmers will cut down the acreage in self-defense.

The beef packers insist that they are not guilty. However, Uncle Sam shows a shameful lack of confidence in their plea, for he insists that the courts shall inquire into the facts in the case. If the packers are not guilty they had better point out the guilty parties at once.

Says the Florence Times: "Have you made friends with all of your enemies this happy Christmas? If not, it 's time that you get busy." We hope we haven't got any enemies, as we haven't been bothering about trying to acquire anybody's ill-will. If we can't give everybody a Christmas present they needn't think anything strange of it.

We often wonder what kind of a showing the critics of Congress would make if they were sent to Congress Most of the Congressmen got their seats by criticising their predecessors out of their job. Some men do nor know the difference between the ease of raising cain on the stump in a backwoods district and the difficulty of making Congress sit up and take notice. Some very clever men think they could set the world on fire. They could but some other fellow spoils the job by squelching the fire.

News comes from Wall street that there is no chance for Woodrow Wilson to get the Democratic nomination for President. He is set down as a has-been. However, Wall street is judging by what it hears around the street. The balance of the country is yet to be heard from on that subject There really may be no chance for Wilson but the country will not consider it so on account of Wall street rumors. The anti-Wilson campaign in New York city really may make Wilson's nomination inevitable.

Cheer up! Ten days of rain and slush demonstrate the imperative necessity of good roads. In a flat country like eastern North Carolina a fellow who started out with a buggy a wagon would have swapped his team for a boat. The main feature about an improved road is its great economy it saves the mud tax, the wear and tear tax, and the time tax. The best evidence of common sense would be a unanimous movement towards building good roads without waiting any longer than it takes to issue and sell road bonds. Don't piddle at it. Go at it right. It is good business for any county.

THE FARMER HOLDS THE KEY

The farmers' unions are turning down that New York plan to finance the cotton crop. Some of them "denounce" it, but that is not necessary. Those financiers may be needed some other time and in some other way. The plan of the $50,000,000 syndicate does not appeal to the business judgment of the farmers, for they can get better terms from home bankers.

There is no reason why the syndicate scheme should be denounced. It was only a business proposition that no one need accept, or to be formally rejected except in a plain business way. The syndicate meant business and it would have been good business for them. On the part of the cotton growers it would mean getting a small loan based on gilt-edge security and high interest. If the farmers can get money at home on better terms, they need not take advantage of the syndicate plan and so let it go at that. However, a counter business proposition might have been made by the farmers looking to better terms It is not necessary to denounce business propositions made to us by a syndicate any more than it is to denounce the business propositions which we make to each other. We "pass up" propositions which do not suit us and go on about our business without getting hot in the collar.

Financing the cotton crop is strictly a business proposition and neither will the syndicate nor home banks take any chances on it. They are not in business for their health and will go into it only on a safe plan so far as they are concerned. However, the home bankers are on the ground and know the conditions better and so are able to offer better terms. No man ever borrowed a dollar that the lender did not want and demand good security, and nobody is going to finance cotton unless it is on a good security basis. It is merely a business transaction and not a matter of generosity.

We have reached the point of saying that no living financier can evolve a safe plan of financing cotton. It would be a gamble at best, for if liberal terms were offered it would only be to encourage another 15,000,000 crop right on top of this. In that event the syndicate and the farmers would both go "busted" on account of 6 cents cotton—six cents or less for the cotton held as security and for the new crop. It is not up to any syndicate to keep cotton from selling at a low price, but it is up to the farmers of the South themselves. The first thing they should do is to reduce their cotton acreage and diversify their crops, rasing something of everything they now buy at a loss to themselves and a profit to producers in other States. If other States can furnish us supplies at a profit, after we pay the middleman and the freight, we certainly ought to raise our own supplies at a profit, for we would keep on our farms the profit of the producers, the profit of the middleman, the expense of the freight on long hauls and the expense of the town trips and the wagon hauls at home. It is even expensive to go to town after supplies, and in time lost that way in our farming operations the amount in dollars and cents would be enormous.

We are willing to bet our fuzzy fedora that diversification of crops will best financing cotton. It would pay the farmers to finance a lot of co-operative warehouses organized among themselves, so they can stop glutting the market with cotton in September and October. A warehouse plan among the farmers for the gradual marketing of the cotton crop, and not for storing enormous quantities of cotton, will help the farmers. It even costs money to store and insure cotton and if it is held indefinitely on storage the greater will be the cost. Large quantities on storage would not hold up prices, since it would be counted "in sight" and all the buyers would have to do would be to sit on their bunkers and wait for the big dump.

In a nutshell here is the remedy of the farmers: Reduction of cotton acreage, diversification of crops, and co-operative warehouses for the gradual marketing of cotton.

DIFFERENT MONEY CROPS.

There is so much of a constructive nature to be written for the benefit of North Carolina and the South, that a newspaper man cannot resist going right on exploiting subjects that have a practical bearing on the material development of this country. It requires a campaign of publicity and appeal to wake up our people, and it must be confessed that is good work for the South.

One of the vital questions for Southern farmers on the eve of the new crop year is the diversification of crops and the introduction of various new endeavors connected with the agricultural interests. It is a mistaken idea that the South has to depend upon cotton production, for there is as much or more money in many other crops. That is demonstrated by the prosperity of the Wilmington section of North Carolina, which considerable diversification in farming has converted into the most prosperous part of the South. Business men who travel declare that it is a relief to get in Wilmington territory where the low price of cotton has not so seriously affected business. A large section of eastern North Carolina does not depend on cotton for its prosperity. Several crops are so much more profitable than cotton that it does not pay to devote the trucking lands to the cultivation of cotton, even at 15 cents a pound. Farmers here grow truck, peanuts, tobacco, cotton and other crops—frequently from two to four different crops on the same land in one season—with the result that they do not get left if the price of any one product should tumble. However, we ought to diversify even more extensively, for we can grow profitable crops that we do not grow to any extent. The Manufacturers' Record of this week gives us a good illustration of the satisfactory diversification practiced by Mississippi farmers. The Record prints a cut showing a lively shipping scene at a Mississippi depot, and underneath it we find this statement:

"J. K. Dunn, of McComb, Miss., wholesale dealer, is very busy shipping yellow yam sweet potatoes and cane syrup in cans. He has 25 or 30 cars of syrup and potatoes yet to ship, and is shipping only fancy stock. McComb is what is known as the "cut-over pine land" district of Mississippi, the sandy soil being especially adapted to potatoes and cane. For the past two years Mr. Dunn has been advocating and using diversified crops. Both he and the farmers are delighted with results, finding that more money can be made on other crops than cotton, with less labor and expense. Prospects are bright for large crops of potatoes and cane another year."

North Carolina is a great potato country and the yam here beats the earth for sweetness and yield. Our farmers raise lots of them, but probably do not do so on a strictly commercial scale. This is also a fine cane country, and we ought to ship millions of gallons of syrup instead of buying our supplies in Porto Rico, Cuba, Georgia, Florida and Louisiana.

The whole truth is, the eastern North Carolina region is so marvelously adapted to hundreds of crops that it taxes ingenuity to suggest the various profitable crops our farmers should grow. However, we ought to raise more cattle and save the millions of dollars we are sending away for butter and beef.

THE TARIFF FIGHT OVER AGAIN

President Taft's message to Congress on the wool schedule, just as it took a recess, for the holidays, opens the way for more tariff legislation when the Nation's legislative body reconvenes in January. In his message the President urges reduction of the tariff on wool and woolens, in accordance with the report of the Tariff Board, and no doubt Congress will take up that question as soon as it meets. However, we doubt whether the Democratic House will be guided so much by what the Tariff Board says as by what Congress knows itself so well.

The President tries to justify his vetoes in his message but it is rather a justification of the action by Congress in reducing the wool tariff several months ago. The fact is Congress was ahead of the President and he only delayed what he now proposes.

A man who acts on the level stands very little chance of becoming crooked.

Speaking about not producing at home enough to eat, an importation of Irish potatoes grown in Scotland has just been received in New York. The shipment amounted to 1,500 tons New York will not raise much of a howl over bringing to this country any amount of Scotch-Irish potatoes grown by the "pauper labor" of Europe.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

Wilmington, N. C., City Council have a "hard nut to crack". The Greek residents of that city petition for Sunday privileges on the grounds that if drug stores are allowed to sell soft drinks, cigars, etc., why should they be prohibited from selling fruits, candies, etc. Through their attorneys they declare that it is discrimination, pure and simple and it certainly looks that way.—Winston Republican.

Some general idea of the attitude of the Democratic party toward men and principles is apt to be obtained from the meeting of the Democratic National Committee in this city on January 8th. While it is unlikely that there will be the same fruitless speculation that attended the meeting of the Republican National Committee with regard to candidates for the Presidency, it is wholly probable that some indication will be given as to the general policies of the party in the next campaign. The approaching meeting will put the Democratic party to a greater test than the one from which the Republicans appeared to emerge unscathed. The Democratic committee, for instance, will be obliged to declare a choice between the old-line Democrats and the reorganizing wing of the party in Pennsylvania. There are two claimants for the honor of National committeeman from the Keystone State. On the one hand, representing the old guard Democrats, there will appear Col. James Guffey, who for years has been the acknowledged leader of the party in Pennsylvania. On the other hand there will be Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, who at a meeting of his party—a meeting which some called "rump" and others regular—was named as National committeeman.—Washington Post.

The fact that forty counties were represented in the second annual meeting of the drainage congress at Waycross is conclusive evidence that the drainage question is a live one in this State, particularly in the southern section of it. The papers read and the speeches made show beyond question that the time has come to take up the work of draining the wet lands and to prosecute it vigorously. While it is true that there are millions of acres of fairly well drained land awaiting cultivation there is very little comparatively that is so fertile as are these undrained lands. The time is close at hand, if it isn't already here, when the demand for land will be so strong that money spent in draining swamp lands will be an excellent investment. The drainage movement must be considered from two points of view. One is the need of the lands for cultivation and the value they will have when drained, and the other is the benefit to the health of the communities in which they are situated. Hence drainage will benefit not only the owners of the wet lands, but also the people who are residents of the counties in which they are. There may be some who think the time hasn't come yet for going to much expense in draining wet lands, but they are not well informed in respect to the matter. On several occasions we have pointed out the benefit drainage has been in North Carolina. Whole sections of that State have been changed from swamps to thickly settled and prosperous communities. And there will be the same results from the drainage movement in this State.—Savannah News.

The development of the trucking interests in the section tributary to Wilmington is one of the agricultural marvels in the State's history. As a demonstration of what our soil and climate can do, the people in the trucking belt are now raising truck practically the year round. In the past thirty days they have shipped a quarter of a million dollars worth of holly. Holly is not truck, but it is a money supply for the farmer. But while this holly was being shipped the farmers were sending out hundreds of thousands of lettuce, green peppers, sweet potatoes and other things. The Carolina Fruit and Truckers' Journal says: "Some time ago shipments of products from this territory were largely limited to strawberries and early vegetables during the Spring months, but now we are shipping something practically every month in the year, which brings good money back to the growers and shippers throughout this territory. Our people no longer rely upon one or two crops on the same soil, oftentimes as much as three crops being grown and shipped from the same land every year. It is in this way that we can account for the prosperity of the farmers throughout eastern North Carolina who are improving their opportunities each succeeding year. We start out early in the Spring with lettuce which is followed by strawberries, early vegetables, potatoes, cantaloupes, melons, peaches, etc. Following this came the Fall crops of green vegetables, winding up in the month of December with holly, bamboo and sweet potatoes. The best part of it is that there are thousands and thousands of acres of this trucking territory awaiting settlement. The trucking business around Wilmington, great as has been its development, is yet in its infancy.—Charlotte Chronicle.

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RATE CASE OFF THE DOCKET

Final Decree in Noted Case Brought By Coast Line and Southern—Court Rules That Coupons Are Void

Mr. S. P. Collier, clerk of United States Court in this city, has returned from Richmond, Va., where he went to be present at the signing of the final decree in the North Carolina rate cases, wherein the Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern Railway brought action against the State enjoining it from enforcing the two-cent passenger rate law. The cases have been on the docket since 1907, the Coast Line suit being docketed here and the Southern Railway suit in Asheville. The following is from the Richmond Virginian, relative to the final decree in the cases:

"United States Circuit Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of Asheville, N. C., yesterday entered a final decree in the North Carolina rate cases, which were started in March, 1907, when the North Carolina Legislature passed an act fixing the railroad passenger rates at two cents a mile.

"The decree was largely a matter of form as the matters at issue between the railroads and the State of North Carolina were virtually disposed of in 1907, when representatives of the State made an agreement with the railroads whereby a rate of 2 1-2 cents was established as the legal rate.

"This was a substantial gain for the State, as prior to the legislative enactment passenger rates were 3 1-2 cents and 2 3-4 cents for first and second-class fares, respectively.

"Judge Pritchard's decree yesterday struck from the docket the cases brought by the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line to prevent the State of North Carolina from enforcing its two-cent passenger law. Judge Pritchard granted the injunction. The matter was then carried to the United States Supreme Court, which sustained Judge Pritchard.

"The case which was disposed of yesterday was a dual one, entitled the Southern Railway vs. Franklin McNeill and others, and the Atlantic Coast Line vs. Franklin McNeill and others, Mr. McNeill being chairman of the Corporation Commission of North Carolina.

"Under the terms of the decree, which in this respect follows the agreement made between the railroads and the State, the Southern Railway pays the costs. The State's costs amounted to $17,500. The clerk's costs have not been taxed, but the $17,500 of State's costs is the bulk of what the Southern will have to pay in settlement of the bill of costs.

"Under the terms of Judge Pritchard's injunction and while the matter was in an unsettled state pending action by the Supreme Court, the railroads were permitted to charge the old rates, giving purchasers of tickets coupons for the difference between the two rates to be collectable in case the validity of the act was upheld.

"As there was no decision in the case upholding the validity of the passenger rate act and as the act was repealed, the decree holds that there is no liability for the coupons and holders thereof and the plaintiffs in any action against the railroads growing out of the passenger rate law, and out of efforts to enforce it are enjoined from proceedings against the railroads.

"The Seaboard Air Line acquiesced in the rate as fixed by the Legislature and was not a party to the litigation in the Federal courts.

"The appeal of the railroads to the Federal courts, following the refusal of the railroads to put the passenger rate law into effect, caused great feeling in North Carolina in 1907, the Governor and others prominent in the official life of the State holding that passenger rates within the State were solely a matter for the State to decide and that for the Federal courts to intervene was a violation of the principle of States' rights."

THE RECORDER'S COURT

Little Doing Yesterday and Only Few Cases Tried

Yesterday morning's session of the Recorder's court was almost a tame affair, compared to the rush of business disposed of the first few days of the week. One road sentence was imposed, Stephen Hicks, colored, being given such a sentence for an assault upon a female, one Laura Redwine, also colored. Hicks took an appeal to the Superior Court. The affair occurred in Love's Alley Thursday night and the man pointed a pistol at the woman. Laura screeched lustily for assistance and a policeman rushed to the rescue, placing Stephen under arrest and conveying him to the City Hall, where he was a guest during the night.

Fannie Carroll was found guilty of vagrancy and was given the alternative of spending 30 days on the county farm, or leaving the county for a similar period of time. She chose the latter and went forth last night in search of newer and more congenial climes.

David, George and Robert Hankins, colored, were charged with using loud and profane language while engaged in a friendly game of cards at their home. David and George were fined $5 and costs each and Robert was declared not guilty.

A case against Lehan Wood and Will Williams, charged with an affray, was nol prossed, as was also a case against Anna Smith, charged with vagrancy, who proved that she had a job.

LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH.

taken in as a result of Saturday's Xmas sales will not have to be carried over by our retail merchant friends until opening of the banks on Monday.

Anyone wishing us to care for same until Monday will find us here Saturday night until 11 o'clock. We will count and seal up the cash in your presence, place same in safe deposit vault and give you the keys, or accept the amount on deposit as you prefer.

Always glad to be of service.

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY.

DUPLIN BUILDING & LOAN

Organized at Wallace and Will Begin With $120,000 Worth of Shares in Force—Open Office on January 1st.

The Duplin Building & Loan Association, of Wallace, in which a number of the leading business men of Wilmington and other towns in this section of the State are interested, was organized at a meeting of the shareholders at Wallace Thursday afternoon. It was decided to begin business on New Year's Day and will commence with $120,000 worth of shares subscribed. Officers were elected as follows:

President, A. L. McGowan, of Wallace, who is president of the Bank of Duplin; vice president, Mr. W. B. Brice, of Wallace and Wilmington. The finance committee is composed of Messrs. W. B. Brice and T. Q. Hall and Dr. B. R. Graham. The election of a secretary and treasurer was deferred for a few days. Geo. R. Ward, Esq., of Wallace, is attorney for the association. Messrs. A. O. Schuster and Geo. H. Hutaff, of Wilmington; C. C. Branch, of Burgaw, and H. D. Williams, of Kenansville, are among the members of the board of directors.

The new association will do business in six counties as follows: New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Wayne, Sampson and Bladen. The office of the organization will be next to the Bank of Duplin, at Wallace. The first payments of the shares will be made January 1st. The secretary will draw drafts on the shareholders for the amount of their shares to be paid on that date. The primary object of the association is to furnish the small towns in the six counties the advantages of a building and loan association and the men who have subscribed for shares have abundant confidence in the success of the enterprise.

WHY NO REPORT WAS MADE

Communication With Reference to Peabody Sewing Department

Recently the County Board of Education adopted a resolution with reference to the sewing department of Peabody School for the colored race and yesterday Mr. J. A. Taylor, chairman of the committee, forwarded to the chairman of the Board of Education, J. O. Carr, Esq., the following communication:

"December 22, 1911.

"Mr. J. O. Carr, chairman County Board of Education, Wilmington N. C.

"Dear Sir:—Referring to resolution adopted at recent meeting of your board, in reference to the sewing department of Peabody School, and to your request that I make a report thereon, the superintendent has supplied me with the following facts:

"Since the inauguration of the sewing department, it has never been the custom to make annual reports of its operations, and the small amounts realized from the sales of garments, varying from $16 to $20, instead of being returned to the school funds, have been used in buying materials for the various wants of the school. The receipts last year from sales of garments were $16.45, all of which was expended as indicated, and approximately a like amount has been realized from the same source during previous years severally.

"The materials bought for this department last year, and for which vouchers were made, amounted to $32.98; and that the outlay has been so small, is due to the benevolence of a friend of the school who has for several years made donations of materials.

"There are 200 pupils who receive instruction in this branch of school work, which means a yearly cost of about $1.50 per pupil. This department is not supposed to be self-sustaining, the prime object being the training of children in the means of an efficient livelihood; and I cannot doubt that the result has been advantageous, not only to the pupils themselves, but to the community at large.

"The teacher in charge of the sewing department, Louise Howe, is not only a very capable teacher, but exercises a most wholesome influence on the school; so that her services are not only valuable as respects her immediate department, but equally so to the general well being of the school. She is most capable, respectable, reliable and trustworthy, and I take pleasure in making this testimonial to her worth.

"In future the annual report of the superintendent will cover this department. Yours very truly,

"J. A. TYLOR,

"Chairman School Committee No. 1."

Widows Got Turkeys.

Following its annual custom Jeff Davis Council, No. 63, Jr., O. U. A. M., Thursday remembered the widows of its departed members with a Christmas turkey. Messrs. W. E. Yopp and E. C. Woodbury superintended the delivering of the big birds. Seven widows received turkeys this year, as against eight last year, the widow of one deceased member having passed away since that time. The custom of remembering the widows of their departed brothers at the Yuletide season is a very pretty one and always lends a beautiful touch of the sentiment of the brotherhood of man to the Christmas spirit.

Ladies and Gents

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Wilmington, N. C.

TODAY IS LAST SHOPPING DAY

Will be Busy One for Wilmington Merchants and Their Assistants. Disagreeable Weather Continues.

Hundreds of Wilmingtonians will glance anxiously at the sky this morning when they arise for this is the last day on which to do Christmas shopping and at a late hour last night the weather gave very little promise of improving. Rain has fallen for the past three days now and while it has possibly held back the shopping to some extent, the business has been good anyway. However, many people have waited until today to finish their shopping, for one reason or another, and the rush will come, rain or shine. The merchants and their clerks will be busy until far in the night and they will no doubt sigh with relief when the last bundle has gone out and they are at liberty to close up and go to their homes.

Despite the fact that rain poured down all yesterday there were a goodly number of shoppers on the streets and in the stores. Friday and Saturday are pay-days for many of the working people and they have waited until now to finish their shopping, while some of them will buy all their Christmas goods today.

The wet and rainy weather of the past three days has made Christmas shopping more to be dreaded than ever, but for the most part the crowds have borne it good-naturedly. Men and women have walked through the streets, under parasols and wrapped in rain coats, their arms filled with packages, shouldering their way way through the crowds and grinning, making the best of the situation.

The youngsters have already started to celebrate, and little do they seem to care whether it rains or not. Yesterday and last night at frequent intervals the explosion of fireworks could be heard, and now and then the strident blast from a tin horn mingled in the noise to proclaim the nearness of the festive season. Tonight, though, will see the real celebration, and the youngsters will paint the town a vivid red. Boys that have been saving for months, hording up their pennies, nickles and dimes, will expend them for fireworks and join in the effort to see who can make the most noise.

It is to be earnestly hoped, however, that the weather will undergo a change for the better today or tonight, and a cold clear dawn would be welcomed with delight by everyone. Or, if the rain would only turn into snow for the glad day the rejoicing would be great, but there is little probability of this.

The exodus is on among those who and adopted Wilmingtonians, but who will spend Xmas at home. Truly "the heart is singing home again" at this season and many a happy boy or girl can be seen on his or her way to the union station at most any hour of the day now, carrying suit case or grip and smiling in anticipation of spending the Yuletide with loved ones at home.

Then, too, the incoming trains are crowded with natives of Wilmington who are coming back to the home hearth for the Christmas. Many college boys and girls have already arrived and been in the city some days, while older men and women who are fighting the battle of life elsewhere are coming in to their native city to greet loved ones and friends once more.

The Christmas spirit is in the air and one can not shoulder his way through the busy, bustling crowds on the streets without feeling it. It is reflected in the cheery greeting of one friend to another, in the happy countenances of the throng and in the gaily decorated windows of the merchants.

HABEAS CORPUS PROCEEDINGS.

Steve John, Gypsy Charged With Perjury, Goes to Raleigh.

It was learned here last night that Judge Walter Clark, Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, yesterday granted a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Steve John, a prominent member of one of the Gypsy bands that have been in this immediate vicinity for some weks, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of perjury alleged to have been committed in Pulaski county, Arkansas. Arthur Cobb, Esq., attorney for the Gypsy, has been in Raleigh for two or three days on the case, and he will urge that Judge Clark release the defendant on bond. The Governor of Arkansas has made requisition on Governor Kitchin for extradition papers for John, but Governor Kitchin has not yet honored the request. According to information received here overnor Kitchin has written the Governor of Arkansas asking that he withdraw the requisition. It appears that the charge of perjury has been preferred against John by a member of a rival tribe of Gypsies and it is alleged that he swore falsely to get possession of his child, or grandchild. Iredell Meares, Esq., appears with Mr. Cobb in the case and is looking after matters at this end of the line while Mr. Cobb is in Raleigh.

As soon as the proper papers are received by Sheriff Cowan the Gypsy will be taken to Raleigh for the hearing.

The following was received last night from Raleigh:

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—On application of Arthur Cobb, as counsel for the prisoner, Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Supreme Court issued a writ of habeas corpus returnable Saturday afternoon in the case of Steve John, one of the leaders of the tribe of Gypsies, who have been in Wilmington jail for extradition to Pulaski county, Arkansas, to answer a charge of perjury. The Arkansas officers came with requisition papers and they have been honored by Governor Kitchin. Gregory John claims to be the King of the Gypsies and was the principal figure in the stirring contest between Gypsy bands at Wadesboro a year ago.

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REMEMBER THE DESTITUTE

Salvation Army Needs Support of the Public at This Time—Plans to Brighten Christmas For Many Families

The long list of poor families of city for whom the Salvation Army hopes to provide gifts of provisions, clothing, etc., for Christmas, is rapidly growing and the Army is going to have all it can do to remember all of them. Friday night Adjutant Mataxas, in charge of the local post, stated to a Star representative that the Army expected to distribute 120 baskets among the poor, but early yesterday morning an additional list of 25 families was handed in and it is possible that this will be swelled by 50 or more names before Monday morning.

Owing to the largely increased number of destitute persons whom the post hopes to remember it is necessary that the generous citizens respond and aid the workers in a substantial way before noon today. The public has supported the Army heartily here and many generous people have already contributed liberally, but with the increased demand there is further need and it is now the eleventh hour, so to speak.

Many of the destitute families would know no bright spot for Christmas except for the kindly ministrations of the Salvation Army, and but for its efforts the Christmas season would be only a bitter shadow on the lives of many a little child. At best the Yuletide season only serves to emphasize the bitterness and the tragedy of poverty, and one to realize this has only to watch the shop windows, with their wealth of toys and other things that go to make glad the heart of childhood. It is a common sight to see some ragged little urchin standing with a cold little nose glued against the glass, gazing rapturously at the wonderful display and wondering down in the recesses of its little heart if Santa Claus is really going to remember it this year. What must be the sensations of such a child when it awakes Christmas morning and finds an empty stocking? And the fact that many of these children have to do without a substantial meal, not to say the good things that go to make up the Christmas Day feast of the more fortunate, is still a more forcible reminder of the cruelty of poverty.

It is this class that the Salvation Army strives to reach and to bring into such homes a ray of brightness is the aim of these Soldiers of the Cross, who willingly give their time and their efforts to the endeavor but who are powerless unless supported by the public. The baskets which the local post is planning to distribute will contain about 16 different articles of food, including a ham, potatoes, tomatoes, rice, cold meats, bread, apples, oranges, coffee, sugar milk butter, syrup, a package of Uneeda biscuits, a copy of the War Cry, the organ of the Salvation Army, etc.

Any gift, cash, old clothing, articles of food, shoes, hats, and in fact, any thing of the sort that its owner does not need, can be used to much advantage by the Salvation Army if received today, and especially the articles of food, for the baskets are to be distributed Monday morning early.

The Wilmington public has always generously co-operated with the Salvation Army and now, especially, at the time of year when Charity means more than ever, it will doubtless not fail to lend its hearty support. The cause is a worthy one and hath not the Blessed Saviour said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

GERMAN CHRISTMAS TREE.

Enjoyable Affair Given at Y. M. C. A. Last Night—Talks.

The Y. M. C. A. added another very enjoyable event to the list of Christmas festivities last night, when the educational class under Dr. Moench, the genial teacher of languages, gave an entertainment for the benefit of the needy of the city. The boys' room was attractively decorated and the Christmas tree was laden with presents and fruits for the boys and girls present. A most interesting programme was rendered and this was especially enjoyed by the children. There were present a number of grown people and they apparently enjoyed the evening to the fullest extent. Mr. J. B. Huntington, general secretary of the association, welcomed the crowd and gave Christmas greetings; Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, delivered a splendid Christmas talk, and Dr. Mcench closed with some pleasing remarks. This was followed by the appearance of Kris Kringle in his usual role. At the conclusion of the exercises chocolate and cake were served.

A Thoughful Service

Always alive to the interests of its of its friends, the Wilmington Savings & Trust Company advertises today that they will have someone on hand until 11 o'clock on Saturday night to receive the large amounts of cash that the retail merchants would otherwise have to carry over in their safes or pockets until opening of banks on Monday. The idea is new, but is thoughtful in the extreme, and will no doubt be taken advantage of by many people who would be forced to take the risk of large cash holdings over Sunday.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY

Christmas and New Year Holiday Excursion Rates

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Tickets on sale December 15th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1912.

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Think it over and start this account with the "People's" on or before January 2nd.

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THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK
The Big White Building, Corner Front and Princess Streets.

An Old Colored Man

walked up to our Teller's window yesterday and added $1.00 to his account.

"Boss," he said, to the Teller, "this is the bes' Chris'mas I's ever had; 'cause I don' owe nobody nuthin', an' I's got money in the bank 'gainst trouble an' sickness. I sho is goin' to tell all my friends about this here bank, what he'ps you save."

YOU probably know "about this here bank what he'ps you save," but have YOU the contented mind of the old darky, by reason of a savings fund "'gainst trouble an' sickness?"

Only six more working days THIS YEAR.

Why not open that account today?

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO.

110 PRINCESS ST.

LAST MEETING BEFORE XMAS

Hookworm Dispensary Open at the Court House Today

Bringing to a close the hookworm campaign until after the holidays are over, the dispensary for the free examination for and treatment of hookworm disease will be open to the public in the grand jury room of the Court House today from 9:30 o'clock this morning until 4 o'clock this afternoon. The work in this county, which was begun on November 28th, is in charge of Dr. C. L. Pridgen, of the State Board of Health. About 1,000 persons have been examined and 50 per cent. of the number were found to be infected with the diseases. Some of the best people of the county have called at one of the appointments and have been examined and not a few of this class were found to be infected. The truth is, the disease is not confined to any one class of people, but all are subject to infection. It cost nothing to be examined and every person in the county is given the privilege of ascertaining free of cost whether or not he or she is infected.

Wanted in Pender County

Alex A. Oldham, colored, was arrested yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff Kelly on a warrant from Ivanhoe, Pender county, charging him with seduction. The negro was committed to jail in default of bond to await the arrival of an officer from Pender county. Magistrate W. T. Moore, of Ivanhoe, who issued the warrant, yesterday telegraphed Sheriff Cowan that he would come for Oldham today.

City Water Supply.

Mr. R. C. Cantwell, superintendent of the city water works, yesterday received from the State chemist the report of the latest analysis of the water supply, which is as follows: Sediment, 0; color, platinum-cobalt standard, 0; turbidity, silica standard, 0; odor, cold, 0; odor, hot, 0; alkalinity (in terms of calcium carbonate), 6.2; chlorine, 10; nitrogen as nitrates, 0.04; nitrogen as nitrites, 0; free ammonia, .024; albuminoid ammonia, .076; temporary hardness, 6.2; colon bacilli in 1 c.c., 0; colon bacilli in 10 c.c., 0; total number of bacteria per c.c., 130.

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SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. White, will spend Christmas with relatives in Marion, S. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Darden leave today for Tarboro, where tuey will spend Christmas.

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Miss Lucile Cavanaugh is at home from the State Normal at Greensboro, to spend the holidays.

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Miss Eloise Jackson is at home from Peace Institute, Raleigh, to spend the holidays with her parents.

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Mr. H. E. Wilder will leave this morning for Buie's Creek, where he will spend Christmas with his home folks.

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Mr. James F. Moore, of Currie, is here to spend a day or two and is being pleasantly greeted by a host of friends.

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Mr. B. R. Anderson, of Washington, D. C., is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. D. MacMillan, No. 218 South Third street.

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Messrs. L. L. Boone, Jr., and Ben Houston are at home from Trinity College to spend the holidays with "home folks."

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Miss Mary Worth returned last evening from the State Normal at Greensboro and will spend the holidays at home.

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Raleigh News and Observer, yesterday: "Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Hagedorn left yesterday for Wilmington, where they will spend Christmas."

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Mrs. T. C. Johnson, of Lumberton, spent yesterday in the city en route to Whiteville, N. C., where she will spend the Christmas holidays at her old home.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Nash, of Charleston, S. C., are here to spend the holidays with Mr. Nash's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Nash, No. 511 South Third street.

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Miss Agnes Hayden has returned from the Sacred Heart College, Belmont, N. C., to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. P. H. Hayden, No. 309 Nun street.

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Mr. W. F. Douglas, of Auburn, West Virginia, arrived yesterday and will spend the Christmas holidays with his son, Mr. Leonard B. Douglas, No. 205 Walnut street.

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Mr. Howard B. Branch, assistant secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, will leave this morning for Durham, where he will spend Christmas with his parents.

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Mr. W. Rosenman has arrived from college in Baltimore and will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenman, No. 204 North Sixth street.

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Mrs. L. E. Thomas and daughters, Misses Valeria, Estelle and Grace Thomas, and son, Master Jack, left yesterday for Durham, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

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Among the Wilmington boys at home from the A. & M. College to spend the holidays are: Messrs. Louis Merritt, Charles Hall, Cicero Gore, Fred Poisson and Eure Bell.

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Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Murphy, of Greensboro, and Misses Nora and Marguerite Thompson, of Baltimore, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Covington at their home on North Sixth street for the holidays.

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A committee from the Home Mission Society of Grace Methodist Church will be in the ladies' parlors at the church this morning until noon for the purpose of receiving contributions for the Christmas baskets.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mrs. A. B. Sanderlin, of Wilmington, and Mr. Thomas R. Myers, of Atlanta, will arrive today to be with their mother, Mrs. R. B. Myers, who has been very ill. Her condition is considerably improved."

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Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Culbreth left yesterday evening for Raleigh to spend the Christmas holidays with Dr. Culbreth's father, Dr. N. M. Culbreth. Dr. Culbreth will return to the city and resume his practice on Wednesday of the coming week.

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Mrs. J. H. Dreher and children will leave today for Winston-Salem, where they will spend the Christmas season with relatives. Dr. Dreher is at Salisbury for a short while and will join his wife and children at Winston-Salem for the holiday season.

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Mr. James S. Hooper, who is pleasantly remembered by many Wilmington friends, now Deputy Grand Regent for the Royal Arcanum in the State of Georgia with headquarters in Dublin, Ga., has gone to Monroe, N. C., where he will spend the holidays.

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Prof. A. N. Cullom and family, who moved from Raleigh to Raeford, N. C., last May, for the Summer, have located at Fayetteville, N. C., permanently, where they may be addressed by churches desiring music normals or directors in evangelistic meetings.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Post, of Baltimore; Miss Lydia Post, who is in college at Baltimore, and Mr. W. N. Post, a student at the University of North Carolina, are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Post, No. 112 North Seventh street.

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Misses Mary Baldwin Mitchell and Miss Fannie Starr Mitchell, the former a member of the faculty and the latter a student, at the State Normal and Industrial College, arrived last evening to spend the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Jos. S. Mitchell, No. 113 North Fourth street.

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Mr. J. Laurence Sprunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sprunt, returned a few days ago from Waco, Texas, where he was stationed during the fall as agent for the cotton exporting firm of Messrs. Alex. Sprunt & Son. Mr. Sprunt will remain here permanently in the future, being connected with the principal offices of the firm in this city.

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The many friends of Mr. James C. Croom, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Croom, and Miss Virginia M. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, will be interested to learn of their approaching marriage, which will be solemnized tomorrow afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at 811 South Seventh street. Rev. G. W. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, will perform the ceremony. Both young people are popular among a wide circle of friends who will wish for them a long and happy wedded life.

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Miss Lila Keith, teacher of one division of the sixth grade of Hemenway school, yesterday gave a Christmas tree for her pupils and it was a most enjoyable occasion for all present. The Christmas tree, which was brought in the evening before by Santa Claus, looked very pretty. Miss Keith gave to each member of her class and artistic box of chocolate candy. There were 38 children present. Not the least enjoyable feature of the occasion was the appearance of Santa Claus, who came in soon after the children assembled.

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Mr. R. H. Paddison, who is taking a post graduate course in law at Fordham University in New York city, passed through the city yesterday, en route to Burgaw to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Paddison. He went from New York to Charleston via the Clyde Line and from there to Columbia to visit old friends, among them Governor Blease, who, he says, will be re-elected by a large majority next year. Mr. Paddison will return to New York January 1st. He is an officer in the United States shipping service at that port.

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A most enjoyable social and literary meeting of the Luther League was held last evening at 8:15 o'clock in the Memorial building, and was attended by a large gathering, among whom were a number of the young college students who are spending the holidays at home. The following programme was rendered: Piano solo, "Malden's Prayer," Miss Hazel Banck; reading, "At the Turn of the Road," Miss Katherine Gieschen; vocal solo, (a) "Violet," (b) "Forever and a Day," Miss Catherine Vollers; essay, "Christmas," Mr. David Hanson; baritone solo, "The Gypsy Trail," Mr. Louis Schutte, of Berkshire, Conn. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Louis Hanson.

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MISS JOSIE NEWBOLD BRIDE OF MR. CLAUDE McCLAMB

Of interest to many friends in this city and elsewhere was the marriage at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at the parsonage of Fifth Street Methodist church of Miss Josie Newbold and Mr. Claude McClamb, the ceremony being performed by Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor of the church. There were only a few friends of the young couple present to witness the ceremony, among the number being: Miss Mary Belle Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace West, Mr. and Mrs. George Strickland, Mr. E. F. Brittain, Jr., and Mr. D. A. Elvington. Miss Howard was maid of honor and Mr. Elvington was best man. Immediately following the ceremony the couple drove to the union station, whence they departed on the morning train for a bridal tour to points of interest in the North. Upon their return they will be at home to friends in this city, where both are very popular.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT MET WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

On Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Music Department of Sorosis held its regular monthly meeting in the reading room of the Masonic Temple. Miss Post, the chairman, called the meeting to order, after which Mrs. W. A. French, secretary pro tem, called the roll and read the minutes of the previous meeting. The following programme, which had been arranged by Mrs. E. K. Bryan, was enjoyed by those present, the subject being "Handel and Gluck":

Paper—"Handel,"—Mrs. Johnson.

Duet—(Vocal), "Come With Him, He Shall Feed His Flock,"—Mrs. R. C. Merritt and Miss McIntosh.

Piano Solo—"Iphigenie en Aulide" Gluck—Mrs. W. A. French.

Vocal Solo—"Take My Offering," Gluck—Miss Maude Bulluck.

Sketch—"Gluck"—Mrs. E. K. Bryan.

Vocal Trio—"See the Conquering Hero Comes,"—Miss Maude Bulluck, Miss Foard, Mrs. Merritt.

Not a Deputy Sheriff.

Sheriff S. P. Cowan yesterday gave out the following statement which is self-explanatory:

"To the Public:—In connection with the arrest of certain women last week charged with vagrancy, I wish to state that no deputy of mine made the affidavit, and my deputies only served the papers after the warrants were put in my hands. As before stated, W. H. Howe is not a deputy sheriff.

"S. P. COWAN, Sheriff."

Death of Infant Daughter.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Russ will tenderly sympathize with them in the death of their four-months-old daughter, Sarah E. Russ, which occurred at 5 o'clock yesterday morning at the family residence, No. 117 Wright street, after a brief illness. The little body will be taken this morning to the family burying ground near New Berlin, where the interment will take place.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach troubles is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at R. R. Bellamy.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Public Library will close at 1 o'clock today and will not re-open until Tuesday morning, December 26.

—There will be no league basketball games at the Y. M. C. A. tonight. Several special games will be played next week to which the public is invited.

—Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, will preach at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the East Wilmington Presbyterian church.

—The police war on the vagrants of the city is still being waged and during yesterday and up until midnight last night six of the alleged chronic loafers had been arrested.

—Services at Immanuel Presbyterian Church tomorrow at 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M., conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Crowley. There will be Christmas communion service in the morning.

—Josephine Wilson, a small colored girl, was arrested yesterday by Patrolman W. R. Applebury on a charge of larceny. It is alleged that the girl is a confirmed sneak thief and that she has recently entered and stolen articles from one home three different times.

—John McCartney, an alleged deserter from the steamer Oceana, was arrested yesterday by Constable Savage and Deputy Sheriff Horne. He was placed in jail with G. Karlson, another alleged deserter, who was arrested Tuesday, and both will be kept there until the vessel is ready to sail, when they will be placed on board.

—Two basketball games were played in the gymnasium of the Boys' Brigade last night between teams contesting for the Honnet trophy. There were only a few spectators, but those present heartily enjoyed the contests. The Athletics defeated the Pirates by a score of 36 to 15, while the Tigers won from the Giants by a score of 32 to 17.

—Roxie Stephens, a colored woman, was arrested and taken to the police station early yesterday morning under the belief that she is insane. The woman is under a strange delusion that a man who has been dead some time is trying to kill her. An inquiry into her mental condition will be held by Clerk of the Court Col. John D. Taylor.

—J. J. Johnson, colored, was arrested early yesterday morning by police officers and taken to police station for safe keeping, as it is believed that the man is a jail-bird from Brunswick county. The local officials made efforts yesterday to communicate with Sheriff Knox, of Brunswick, but could not get in touch with him. Further efforts will be made today.

—Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Miss Rowe Wiggins to Donald MacRae, for $10 and other considerations, corner of lot in Block 164, about 4x5 feet in size, in rear of lot on which Solky building is situated; James F. Tripp and others to Dr. Thos. B. Carroll and John H. Niggel, Jr., for $100 and other considerations, lots No. 14 and 15 in Carolina Place.

—John Wright, colored, was arrested yesterday by Officer B. W. Jacobs on a warrant charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon upon Sam Montgomery, colored. When taken to police station two other warrants were served on the man, one charging him with an assault with serious injury upon another negro and another charging vagrancy. The arrest was made at the plant of the Hilton Lumber Company.

PERSONAL. PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. M. L. Bell, of Currie, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. J. E. Kelly, of Mount Olive, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

—Mr. S. D. Simpson, of Catherine Lake, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

—Mr. S. M. McDearmon, of Whiteville, was here yesterday, a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Wilkinson, of Tomahawk, were guests at The Orton yesterday.

—Rivers D. Johnson, Esq., of Warsaw, spent yesterday in the city, a guest at The Orton.

Mr. R. L. Fields and Mr. J. A. Tudor, of Boardman, were in the city yesterday, guests at The Orton.

—Mr. S. N. Borden and Miss Vera Herring, of Magnolia, were among the visitors to the city yesterday.

—Mr. J. C. Slocumb will leave this morning for Goldsboro, where he will spend the holidays with home folks.

—Messrs. F. A. and C. C. Cashwell leave this afternoon for Fairmont, Robeson county, to spend Christmas with home folks.

—Mr. Henry G. Bowden, field secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the Carolinas, is spending the holidays with relatives in this city. Mr. Bowden makes Charlotte his headquarters now.

—Mr. Ben A. Thees, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., will leave this morning for Supply, where he will spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Alice E. McKeithan. He will go via Southport.

Funeral of Little Daughter.

The funeral of Mary Potter, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Potter, whose death occurred Thursday afternoon, was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the home, No. 1209 South Third street, conducted by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor tof Southside Baptist Church. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH.

taken in as a result of Saturday's Xmas sales will not have to be carried over by our retail merchant friends until opening of the banks on Monday.

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Will be Only One Clerk of Federal Court for Each District.

The new judicial act goes into effect January 1st and after that time there will be only one Clerk of the United States Court in each district. At all other points where courts are held there will be deputy clerks. The clerk for the Eastern District of North Carolina will most likely be at Raleigh and the clerk of the court at Wilmington will hereafter be known as a deputy clerk. Whether or not the clerk and deputy clerks will be placed on a salary basis or continue under the fee system has not yet been announced by Judge H. G. Connor.

A special in yesterday's Charlotte Observer is to the effect that Mr. J. M. Millikan, now Clerk of the Court there, will probably be named by Judge Boyd as clerk of the Western District, and the salary of the clerk will be $3,500 and the deputy clerks will probably receive about $2,000 each. In this district, however, the clerk and the deputies may be continued under the fee basis.

Married at Florence, S. C.

Friends in the city have learned with interest of the marriage of Mr. R. P. Peterson, a clever young railroad man whose run is between this city and Columbia, S. C., and Miss Edna Gaskill, an attractive young lady of Florence, S. C., the ceremony having been performed in the latter city on Wednesday of this week. They are at present on a bridal tour in the North and upon their return will reside at Florence.

FROM COL. PEARSALL.

Delighted With Location of Bridge. Other News Notes From Pender.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Point, N. C., Dec. 22.—Chairman T. J. Armstrong, of Pender county Commissioners, is receiving many hearty congratulations for having successfully aided the Northeast river bridge location to be at "Hungry Neck", or Location No. 2, the correct, logical, historical spot for the structure. The people of Pender would most respectfully doff their hats also to the county commissioners of New Hanover—even to those who voted 'ergin the Hungry Neck. And that mighty Knight of the Quill of New Hanover—Pender, Mr. William Crownstream, the people will ever hold in grateful remembrance, his efforts both in and out of season to place the bridge west of the A. C. L. The "pen is mightier than the sword," writes of supersedeas habeas corpus, etc. When the cornerstone of this structure is laid, we hope to see Mr. Crownstream master of ceremonies, and chief high-you-muck-a-muck of the occasion.

A bit of history concerning the location: The newspaper articles have lately been calling the place "Hungry Bluff," There's no such word. It is "Hungry Neck." So called from the fact that upon the seizure of Wilmington by the British a lot of provisions for the Continental, or American army, were run up the river in scows or flats. Maj. Craig sent a detachment of British troops up the river and burned the bridge and supplies. In the meantime, 700 militia from New Hanover, Duplin and Sampson were gathered hastily on the Pender side, threw up breastworks which show to this day, and remained there three weeks. There were no army wagons to forage, rations got mighty scarce. Your scribe's forbear, the late Capt. James Pearsall, was quartermaster. The men got awful hungry and got after him. Although a Presbyterian of thebluest stocking, he said to the men: "You've got the damnedest 'hungry necks' I ever saw." Ever since that eventful occasion the location has been known as Hungry Neck. And "by faith", it must stay so named. For full particulars see Dickson letters by J. O. Carr, historian.

E. D. PEARSALL.

THE CHESS TOURNAMENT.

Columbia and Harvard Held Their Positions Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 22.—Columbia and Harvard maintained their respective positions in the 20th annual intercollegiate chess tournament as a result of the play today in the second round. Columbia defeated Princeton by the score of 3 1-2 to 1-2, while Harvard accounted for Yale by precise the same score. The tie between Harvard and Columbia was therefore unbroken, each university being credited with totals of 7 1-2 points out of a possible eight. The final round tomorrow, in which Columbia must encounter Harvard, will determine the championship for this year.

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Financial and Commercial

COTTON MARKET MORE ACTIVE

More So Than Usual Just Preceding Christmas Adjournment—Close Was Steady But Several Points Lower

New York, Dec. 22.—Today's cotton market was far more active than is usual just preceding the Christmas adjournment and prices ruled generally lower under liquidation by recent large buyers and other selling, which was inspired no doubt, by the recent easier ruling of Liverpool, continued apprehensions of serious labor troubles in Lancashire, and predictions of bearish ginning figures easily next next month. The close was steady but at a net decline of 5 to 17 points for the day.

The market opened steady at a decline of 2 to 7 points in response to the lower cables and sold off to a net decline of about 10 to 12 points during the forenoon under liquidation and bear pressure. It was estimated that notices representing between 15,000 and 20,000 bales had been issued against December contracts and that positions were relatively easy under scattering liquidation presumably from trailing longs. The market steadied up 3 to 4 points from the lowest during the late forenoon on covering but soon weakened again on private cables, reporting that master spinners in Lancashire had decided to lockout their employes commencing next Wednesday. The lowest point of the day was reached after receipt of this news, and the close was within a point or two of the lowest.

The dispute in Lancashire is said to be with reference to the right of the mills to employ non-union labor, and while many of the private cables received, claimed trade to be too good to permit of any prolonged suspension of manufacturer, other advices said that the situation was serious. There was very little news from the South, but an impression seems to have been created in local circles that the interior has not been following recent advance in futures, and in addition to the factors mentioned above part of today's selling may have been inspired by expectations of easier spot markets, and the bearish week-end figures.

All three of the leading contract markets will be closed tomorrow and on Monday, while Liverpool will remain closed until next Wednesday morning.

Receipts today 83,531 against 86,813 last week, and 93,134 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 10,149 against 14,026 last year; at Galveston 16,106 against 11,135 last year, and at Houston 14,244 against 5,719 last year.

Spot closed quiet, 15 points lower; middling uplands, 9.70; do. gulf, 9.75; sales, 4,600 bales.

Futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	8.79	8.82	8.75	8.77
Feb	8.87	8.89	8.80	8.85
Mar	8.96	8.98	8.89	8.92
Apr	9.00	....	....	8.97
May	9.06	9.07	9.00	9.03
June	9.08	....	....	9.06
July	9.12	9.15	9.09	9.12
Aug	9.12	....	....	9.12
Sept	9.13	....	....	9.17
Oct	9.22	9.23	9.20	9.23
Nov	....	9.27	9.27	9.27
Dec	9.27	9.28	9.13	9.15

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 9¼; net receipts, 16,106; gross receipts, 16,106; sales, 500; stock, 465,290; continent, 16,572.

New Orleans—Steady, 9⅛; net receipts, 10,149; gross receipts, 10,421; sales, 675; stock, 292,000; Great Britain, 23,000; continent, 8,500.

Mobile—Steady; net receipts, 2,418; gross receipts, 2,418; sales, 97,125; continent, 5,746; coastwise, 271.

Savannah—Quiet, 8 11-16; net receipts, 13,272; gross receipts, 13,272; sales, 1,504; stock, 295,443 continent, 13,864; coastwise, 6,284.

Charleston—Steady, 8⅞; net receipts, 2,610; gross receipts, 2,610; stock, 55,057.

Wilmington—Steady, 8⅝; net receipts, 2,263; gross receipts, 2,263; stock, 19,436; continent, 13,500.

Norfolk—Steady, 8⅞; net receipts, 5,652; gross receipts, 5,652; sales, 1,570; stock, 54,786; coastwise, 13,285.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9⅜; net receipts, 5,637; gross receipts, 5,637; stock, 6,721; coastwise, 4,583.

New York—Quiet, 9.50; net receipts, 104; gross receipts, 11,145; sales, 4,600; stock, 142,248; Great Britain, 537; continent, 1,102; coastwise, 2,113.

Boston—Quiet, 9.50; net receipts, 418; gross receipts, 1,688; stock, 5,065.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.75; stock, 3,407; Great Britain, 902.

Brunswick—Net receipts, 13,615; gross receipts, 13,615; stock, 22,095; coastwise, 1,478.

Gulfport—Net receipts, 5,751; gross receipts, 5,751; stock, 9,848; France, 3.

Texas City—Net receipts, 2,565; gross receipts, 2,565; stock, 79,406.

Jacksonville—Net receipts, 155; gross receipts, 155; coastwise, 155.

San Francisco—Net receipts, 2,816; gross receipts, 2,816; Japan, 2,816.

Total today at all ports—Net, 83,531; Great Britain, 43,783; France, 3; continent, 57,194; Japan, 2,816; stock, 1,548,927.

Consolidated, at all ports—Great Britain, 117,621; France, 35,729; continent, 167,249; Japan, 33,480.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,788,820; Great Britain, 2,036,346; France, 581,746; continent, 1,952,474; Japan, 147,494; Mexico, 3,235.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Quiet, 9⅜; net receipts, 14,244; gross receipts, 14,244; shipments, 15,781; sales, 1,882; stock, 176,254.

Augusta—Steady, 9¼; net receipts, 3,240; gross receipts, 4,076; shipments, 3,834; sales, 894; stock, 88,668.

Memphis—Firm, 9¾; net receipts, 4,525; gross receipts, 7,685; shipments, 6,001; sales, 1,900; stock, 202,362.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9¾; net receipts, 1,192; gross receipts, 5,664; shipments, 5,431; stock, 26,589.

Cincinnati—Quiet; net receipts, 1,540; gross receipts, 1,540; shipments, 996; stock, 11,878.

Little Rock—Quiet, 9; net receipts, 1,600; gross receipts, 1,600; shipments, 1,152; stock, 42,256.

Louisville—Firm, 9¾; net receipts, 284; gross receipts, 284; shipments, 13; sales, 311; stock, 160.

Total today—Net receipts, 26,715; gross receipts, 35,183; shipments, 33,208; sales, 4,984; stock, 549,167.

MONEY MARKET.

New York, December 22.—Money on call, steady, at 3½@4 per cent.; ruling rate, 4; closing bid, 3½; offered at 3½. Time loans, easier; sixty days, 4@4¼ per cent. and ninety days, 4; six months, 4@4¼. Prime mercantile paper, 4¼@4¾ per cent.; sterling exchange, easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.86 for sixty days and at 4.86 25 for demand. Commercial bills, 4.86¼. Bar silver, 54½; Mexican dollars, 46.

50 pair roller skates on sale at Gaylord's, 39c pair. **

THE WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW

Part of the Time During the Week Prices Advanced, Caused Mainly by the Firmness of December.

New York, Dec. 22.—Prices of cotton advanced for a time during the past week mainly owing to the firmness of December with its rather striking premium, heavy buying by spot concerns, and the rounding up of the unduly congested short interest. The Waldorf-Astoria bears have been in full retreat and this fact of itself helped materially to bolster up prices. Another thing, the certified stock here is still small despite the fact that it has been increasing of late. It is still far below the figures of a year ago. Also dry goods reports have been more cheerful.

Vermont mills which had been closed down for many weeks have just started up. More optimistic reports are being received in regard to the Spring trade in cotton goods hitherto stagnant. Things in the Chinese empire seem to point to an earlier resumption of trade than at one time seemed possible. Liverpool for a time was a good buyer here. On the other hand the Census Bureau's ginning report was considered bearish and as pointing to a crop of 15,500,000 bales or more. Stress is also laid on the fact that the ginning up to December 12th already comes pretty close to the crop estimates for many of the States recently issued by the government and that in the case of Florida the ginning already exceeds that estimate. Not a few expect the total quantity ginning up to the middle of January to exceed the recent crop estimate of the government, 14,885,000 bales. Ginning reports will be issued up to the third week in March. Moreover on the advance, the continent is said to have largely withdrawn from the spot markets of the South so far as new business is concerned. The continent has latterly been selling in Liverpool after being a good buyer there for an extended period. And now comes the talk of a big strike in Lancashire involving some 100,000 hands. Also the movement of the crop in this country, which showed a slackening for a time has latterly increased and estimates of the quantity to be brought in sight this week are larger than the total for last week. The South is reported to be selling freely on any upward turn of prices, though withdrawing on declines. The technical speculative position has been weakened here, it is contended by the driving in of the shorts by the big spot interests. The object in putting up December was to get cotton to New York and it is said that the spot people who have been working the bull side of late really expect lower prices later on before the real turn for the better takes place. However this may be, bears are certainly more cautious than they were some weeks ago. Already talk about trade prospects are more cheerful and there are predictions that the next acreage will be considerably reduced under the sting of unexpectedly low prices resulting from the big acreage last season. Towards the close of the week prices reacted owing to the fear of a strike in Lancashire.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 22.—For the week ending Friday, Dec. 22:

Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week, 406,712.

Net receipts at all U. S. ports same week last year, 359,742.

Total receipts since September 1st, 6,788,820.

Total receipts to same date last year, 5,703,390.

Exports for the week, 354,088.

Exports for same week last year, 267,301.

Total exports since September 1st, 4,721,295.

Total exports same date last year, 4,063,933.

Stock at all United States ports, 1,548,927.

Stock at all United States ports same time last year, 1,116,867.

Stock at all interior towns, 938,615.

Stock at all interior towns same time last year, 825,892.

Stock at Liverpool, 753,000.

Stock at Liverpool same time last year, 882,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain, 308,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year, 396,000.

COTTON RECEIPTS.

New York, Dec. 22.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston	2,134,989
New Orleans	786,220
Mobile	216,624
Savannah	504,750
Charleston	296,138
Wilmington	344,640
Norfolk	435,343
Baltimore	5,677
New York	2,389
Boston	30,082
Newport News	6,027
San Francisco	67,344
Brunswick	243,238
Port Townsend	57,694
Pensacola	90,816
Port Arthur and Sabine Pass	85,247
Jacksonville	29,419
Laredo, Texas	1,021
Gulfport	26,873
Georgetown	318
Texas City	386,466
Minor Ports	2,507
Total bales	6,788,820

NAVAL STORES.

Charleston, Dec. 22.—Turpentine, firm, at 48¾.

Rosin—Firm. Quote: B, 6.75; D, 6.80; E, 6.85; F, G, H, 6.90; I, 7.60; K, 7.20; M, and N, 7.30; W G, 7.50; W W, 7.75.

New York, Dec. 2.—Rosin, firm. Turpentine quiet.

Savannah, Dec. 22.—Turpentine, firm, at 49c. Sales, 512; receipts, 734; shipments, 7,90; stocks, 38,997.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 2,966; receipts, 2,956; shipments, 644; stocks, 139,138. Quote: B, 6.60; D, 6.70; E, 6.75@6.90; F, 6.80@6.92½; G, 6.80@6.95; H, 6.80@6.97½; I, 6.95; K, 7.20; M, 7.30; N, 7.40; W G, 7.50; W W, 7.75.

DRY GOODS.

New York, Dec. 22.—The cotton goods market is steady and quiet. A before the holiday feeling pervades the trade and operations are generally restricted in wholesale lines.

We have the largest line of Xmas Cakes in the city. Fruit Cake, "Home Made." Pound Cake, Citron Cake, Sally White Cake. Call at our Bakery and look for yourself. Farris Bakery, 121 South Front. de 18-6t.

100 dressed dolls, damaged, 50c and $1 dolls for 25c each, at Gaylord's. **

We need the money—if you need the goods, see Platt & Haar today. **

SYMPTOMS OF HOLIDAY SEASON

Trading on Stocks on a Small Scale Yesterday—Gould and Lehigh Issues Got Most Attention. The Money Market.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Gould issues and Lehigh Valley attracted most attention today in the stock market. The advance in Lehigh Valley, which has been conspicuous recently, was continued. Most of the buying of this stock was said to come from Philadelphia sources, and apparently was based upon the belief that some action may soon be taken in regard to the extra distribution to shareholders, the possibility of which has excited so much conjecture of late. The quotation was advanced three points to 186 3-4, the highest price on record, although profit taking later reduced this gain. Among the Gould securities trading was especially heavy in the Wabash 4 per cent. bonds. A keen demand for these bonds developed late in the day and they rose nearly three points to 55 1-2, as compared with 50 each in the week on the announcement of the receivership. The preferred stock also advanced strongly. The Denver & Rio Grande securities showed pronounced weakness early in the day, but later rallied sharply. On the recovery the 5 per cent. bonds jumped from 80 to 85.

The stock market as a whole showed the customary symptoms of this season of the year with triple holiday at hand. Trading was on a small scale, and prices moved within an unusually narrow range. Final changes were inconsequential in most cases. Speculative sentiment was mildly bearish.

The day was without occurrences of influence upon values. Trade reports disclosed little change. In the money market there were no indications of stress such as prevails abroad. The banks this week received more than $11,000,000 from the interior, about $6,000,000 less than last week, when the movement was the heaviest which has been recorded in many weeks. Bank exchanges over the country for the week again made a favorable comparison with last year, the gain exceeding 5 per cent. The bond market was irregular with a large proportion of the transactions in the Wabash 4s. Total sales, par value, $3,839,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call for the week. Total sales stocks 349,700 shares.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers, pfd	7½
Amalgamated Copper	66½
American Agricultural	42½
American Beet Sugar	50¼
American Can	10⅜
American Car and Foundry	53¾
American Cotton Oil	47⅝
American Hide and Leather, pfd	28
American Ice Securities	18½
American Linseed	11
American Locomotive	36
American Smelting and Refining	74⅝
Amer. Smelting and Ref., pfd	102½
Am. Steel Foundries	33⅛
American Sugar Refining	115
American Tel and Tel	135⅝
American Tobacco, pfd	103⅜
American Woolen	25
Anaconda Mining Co	38
Atchison	106
Atchison, pfd	104
Atlantic Coast Line	134½
Baltimore and Ohio	103⅜
Bethlehem Steel	29⅞
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	76¾
Canadian Pacific	240⅝
Central Leather	21⅝
Central Leather, pfd	92
Central of New Jersey	315
Chesapeake and Ohio	74¾
Chicago and Alton	24
Chicago Great Western	15¼
Chicago Great Western, pfd	36¾
Chicago and North Western	143
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	110⅝
C., C. C. and St. Louis	62
Colorado Fuel and Iron	20½
Colorado and Southern	45
Consolidated Gas	138½
Corn Products	10½
Delaware and Hudson	167½
Denver and Rio Grande	18⅝
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	38⅝
Distillers' Securities	31¼
Erie	32
Erie, 1st pfd	52⅞
Erie, 2nd pfd	42
General Electric	154
Great Northern, pfd	128
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	39½
Illinois Central	140
Interborough-Met	15⅛
Interborough-Met., pfd	48⅝
Inter-Harvester	110
Inter-Marine, pfd	18½
International Paper	9⅝
International Pump	33
Iowa Central	15¾
Kansas City Southern	27½
Kansas City Southern, pfd	64
Laclede Gas	104⅜
Louisville and Nashville	155¼
Minneapolis and St. Louis	33
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	135
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	28¾
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	65
Missouri Pacific	39
National Biscuit	140
National Lead	54
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	34⅝
New York Central	105½
New York, Ontario and Western	39
Norfolk and Western	108¼
North American	74¼
Northern Pacific	118
Pacific Mail	31
Pennsylvania	122⅝
People's Gas	103
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	96
Pittsburg Coal	17
Pressed Steel Car	33½
Pullman Palace Car	158
Railway Steel Spring	30½
Reading	152⅝
Republic Steel	27½
Republic Steel, pfd	84½
Rock Island Co	23¾
Rock Island Co., pfd	44⅝
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	41
St. Louis Southwestern, pfd	71
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	45
Southern Pacific	112⅝
Southern Railway	29⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	71¼
Tennessee Copper	37⅞
Texas and Pacific	20¼
Toledo, St. Louis and Western	14½
Toledo, St. L. and West., pfd	36
Union Pacific	174⅜
Union Pacific, pfd	93
United States Realty	69
United States Rubber	48
United States Steel	68⅝
United States Steel, pfd	111⅝
Utah Copper	55⅝
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	54½
Wabash	6⅝
Wabash, pfd	16½
Western Maryland	61¼
Westinghouse Electric	67½
Western Union	78⅝
Wheeling and Lake Erie	3⅝

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 20.—Spanish—Firm at 80c. per bushel. Virginias—Firm. Jumbo, 4c. per lb. Fancy hnd-picked, 3½c. to 3⅝c. per lb. Extra prime, 3½c. per lb.; Prime, 3c. per lb.; Mineline-Picked, 3c. to 3½c. per lb.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Carib, 2,089 tons, Hale, Georgetown, H. G. Smallbones.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Core, Fayetteville, S. M. King.

Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge, J. W. Brooks.

Cleared.

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Str. Loviand (Nor.), 1,463 tons, Terjesen, Baltimore, Heide & Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Hillmere (Br.), 2,239 tons, Griffiths, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Runswick (Br.), 1,940 tons; Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Belle Isle (Fr.), 1,382 tons, St. Martan, Heide & Co.

Bengrove (Br.), 2,389 tons, Barber, Heide & Co.

Glenmay (Br.), 1,575 tons, Richards, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Warren B. Potter, 311 tons, Hammett, C. D. Mafflitt.

Eliza A. Scribner, 350 tons, Dodd, C. D. Mafflitt.

Mineola (Br.), 270 tons, Forsythe, C. D. Mafflitt.

Bayard Hopkins, 212 tons, Hopkins, C. D. Mafflitt.

Sylvia C. Hall, 285 tons, Sprague, C. D. Mafflitt.

Edward R. Baird, Jr., 263 tons, Calhoun, C. D. Mafflitt.

Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett, C. D. Mafflitt.

White Wings, 624 tons, Coombs, C. D. Mafflitt.

Augustus H. Babcock, 1,229 tons, Quinlin, C. D. Mafflitt.

Stephen G. Loud, 40 tons, Hart, C. D. Mafflitt; in distress.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at Port of Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 22.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,836 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 9 barrels rosin; 3 barrels tar; 32 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—427 bales cotton.

Str. Fayetteville—196 barrels rosin.

Schr. Addie May—9 casks spirits turpentine; 76 barrels rosin.

Str. Whitlock—8 casks spirits turpentine; 9 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Annie B.—3 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—2,263 bales cotton; 19 casks spirits turpentine; 281 barrels rosin; 3 barrels tar; 44 barrels crude turpentine.

Total last year—2,748 bales cotton; 12 casks spirits turpentine; 101 barrels rosin; 100 barrels tar; 21 barrels crude turpentine.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

New York, Dec. 22.—Flour, dull and unchanged. Spring patents, 5.00@5.30; winter patents, 4.35@4.70.

Rye Flour—Quiet.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Corn Meal—Dull.

Rye—Dull.

Barley—Dull.

Wheat—Spot, easy; No. 2, red, 95¼, elevator; export basis, to arrive, 97¾ f.o.b. afloat. Options closed unchanged to ⅛ net higher, December, 96⅞; May, 1.02⅞.

Corn—Easy; export, new, 69, f.o.b. afloat. Options, nominal.

Oats—Firmer; standard white, 53½ in elevator; No. 2, 54¼. Futures, nominal.

Beef—Firm.

Cut Meats—Quiet.

Lard—Barely steady.

Tallow—Quiet.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Rice—Firm.

Molasses—Firm.

Sugar—Raw, weak; refined, quiet.

Coffee—Futures closed firm at a net advance of 13@22. The market will be closed tomorrow and will remain closed until Tuesday morning. Spot coffee, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 14½; Santos, No 4, 15¾; mild, dull; Cordova, 16½@18½; nominal.

Butter—Firm.

Cheese—Firm.

Eggs—Weak.

Potatoes—Steady.

Cabbages—Easy; prices unchanged.

Freights—Unchanged.

Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Quiet, with prices about steady on covering over the holidays and rather light offerings of crude at the South. December closed 4 points higher, and other months unchanged to one point lower. December, 5.36@5.40; January, 5.32@5.33; February, 5.34@5.36; March, 5.38@5.39; April, 5.41@5.43. Prime crude, 4.12@4.20; prime Summer yellow, 5.20@5.40; do. Winter yellow, 5.30@5.50; do Summer white, 5.30@5.75.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 22.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady, 48 cents.

ROSIN—Steady, $6.10.

TAR—Firm at $1.80 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.50 per barrel for hard; $4.50 for dip, and $4.50 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin, nothing doing; tar, firm, $2.00; crude turpentine, firm, at $4.50@6.00.

Receipts:

Spirits Turpentine	19
Rosin	281
Tar	3
Crude Turpentine	44

Receipts same day last year, 12 casks spirits turpentine; 101 barrels rosin; 100 barrels tar; 21 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Firm, 8⅝.

Same day last year, nothing doing.

Receipts, 2,263 bales; same day last year, 2,748 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 16.)

CORN—Firm; .85 to .87½c. per bu.

PEAS—White, $2.50 per bu.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop, 80c. per bu.; yams, 60c. per bu.

BEEF—On foot, dull, .03@.04 per lb.

PORK—7c. to 9c.

WOOL—Burry, .11@.12c. per lb.; free of burr, 17 to 18 per lb.

HIDES—Green, .08 to .08½ per lb.; dry, 14 to 15c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 14c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm; .27 per lb.

TALLOW—Firm; .04½@.05 per lb.

POULTRY — Turkeys, 18c. on foot. Chickens, grown, 40 to 45 per head; chickens, spring, 20@40c. per head. Geese, 65 to 70c. per head.

SHEEP—No sales.

EGGS—Fair demand, 24@25 per doz.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 22.

All grades steady and quiet.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.25; machine-picked, $1.20.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, 95c.; machine-picked, 90c.

Virginia—Prime hand-picked, 75c.; machine-picked, 70c.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Spot cotton quiet, prices 6 points lower. American middling fair 5.69; good middling 5.31; middling 5.05; low middling 4.89; good ordinary 4.73; ordinary 4.53. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 6,600 American. Receipts 6,000 bales, including 5,600 American.

Futures opened easier and closed steady. December 4.90 1-2; December and January 4.89 1-2; January and February 4.89 1-2; February and March 4.91; March and April 4.92 1-2; April and May 4.95; May and June 4.97; June and July 4.99 1-2; July and August 5.01 1-2; August and September 5.03; September and October 5.02 1-2; October and November 5.03.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 23, 1911.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 48 degrees; at 8 P. M., 68 degrees; maximum, 68 degrees; minimum, 46 degrees; mean, 57 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .23 inch; for the month, 2.02 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 12.9 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Rain Saturday; colder near the coast, with moderate to brisk north winds; Sunday, fair.

Port Calendar—Dec. 23.

Sun rises	7:15 A. M.
Sun sets	5:08 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 53 min.
High water at Southport	9:50 P. M.
High water at Wilmington	12:50 A. M.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 22, 1911.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest Today	Temperature: Lowest Last Night	24-Hour Precipitation 8 P. M.
Abilene	snowing	38	34	.0
Asheville	cloudy	48	40	.74
Atlanta	raining	46	42	1.42
Augusta	cloudy	50	42	2.30
Birmingham	raining	54	48	1.24
Boston	raining	44	34	.04
Charleston	cloudy	60	48	.30
Charlotte	raining	42	38	1.44
Chicago	clear	42	38	.02
Galveston	cloudy	54	52	.04
Jacksonville	cloudy	78	56	.01
Memphis	cloudy	50	—	.12
Mobile	raining	70	54	3.74
Montgomery	raining	56	46	1.30
New Orleans	raining	76	54	.72
New York	raining	46	32	.42
Palestine	cloudy	52	46	.06
Oklahoma	clear	30	22	.20
Pittsburg	cloudy	52	44	.02
Raleigh	raining	46	38	1.08
Savannah	raining	66	48	.08
Shreveport	cloudy	58	44	.20
St. Louis	clear	46	40	.0
Washington	raining	42	34	.80

CHICAGO GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Both long and shorts today busied themselves getting clear of wheat. All American exchange will be closed tomorrow and Monday, and there was a general desire to be free of commitments and avoid the effects of any surprise which might be sprung in foreign markets.

The end of the evening-up process left wheat varying from shade lower to ½c. higher than last night. Corn finished a sixteenth to a quarter down, oats unchanged to ⅜c. off and hog products either not altered or running to a decline of 5 cents.

Wheat—No. 2, red, 95@97; No. 3, red, 93@96; No. 2, hard, 97@1.01; No. 3, hard, 95@99; No. 1, northern, 1.06@1.09; No. 2, northern, 1.04@1.07; No. 3, northern, 1.00@1.05; No. 2, spring, 98@1.02; No. 3, Spring, 95@1.00; No. 4, Spring, 85@97; velvet chaff, 90@1.05; durum, 90@1.02.

Corn—No. 3, 61¾@62; No. 3, white, 61¾@62¾; No. 3, yellow, 61⅝@63; No. 4, 58½@60; No. 4, white, 59½@60; No. 4, yellow, 58@60½.

Oats—No. 2, 46½@46¾; No. 2, white, 47⅜@48½; No. 3, white, 46½@47½; No. 4, 45@45½; No. 4, white, 44@47¼; standard, 46⅜@47¾.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat:				
Dec	94⅜	94½	93⅞	94½
May	98⅝	98⅝	98	98⅜
July	93⅜	94	93½	93¾
Corn:				
Dec	63¼	63½	63	63⅛
May	64⅝	64½	64	64¼
July	64¼	64½	64	64⅜
Oats:				
Dec	46⅜	46¼	46	46⅜
May	47¾	47⅝	47⅜	47⅜
July	44⅝	44⅝	44	44⅛
Mess Pork, per bbl.:				
Jan	15.57½	15.60	15.50	15.52½
May	16.10	16.10	15.95	16.00
July	16.27½	16.27½	16.12½	16.20
Lard, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	9.17½	9.17½	9.12½	9.15
May	9.42½	9.42½	9.37½	9.40
July	9.52½	9.52½	9.47½	9.50
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	8.32½	8.32½	8.27½	8.30
May	8.62½	8.62½	8.55	8.60
July	8.65	8.67½	8.60	8.62½

REVIEW OF TRADE.

What Bradstreet's Report Will Give Out Today.

New York, Dec. 22.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

While the weather has been not of the best for holiday shopping and country trade especially has been retarded, holiday influences have been instrumental in inducing a large volume of buying at retail and early reports of volume of this department of activity are generally as favorable as last year in most sections. Least satisfactory advices come from the South, owing to low priced cotton, and parts of the Pacific coast, where the repressive influences which have traversed the entire country still linger.

In the larger fields of basic endeavor the events of the week have been mainly favorable. Goods effects of the late serious decline in cotton and cotton goods are found in an enlargement of demand for certain varieties of the latter, with some advances in prices of leading makes.

The iron and steel trade continues to evince the cheerfulness hitherto noted, and a very good trade has been done in steel rails during the week. The boot and shoe trade sends irregular reports accordingly as Eastern and Western reports are examined. The leather trade is strong, sole leather leading, while fashion changes affect calls for patent grades.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending December 21, were 293 against 309 last week, and 271 in the like week of 1910.

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Razors, 1 pair in Morocco Leather Case, $2.50 to $5.00. Gillette and Durham Duplex Razors, in Fancy Cases.

Bird Scissors. Scissors in Sets, $2.00 and $3.00. "Christy" Bread Knives, Nickle-Plated, Hardwood handles, 75c. each. Also

AIR RIFLES—Your Boy Wants One.

Prices: 25c., 75c., $1.00, $1.25, $2.00 each. Hamilton Rifles, $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00. Remington Guns and Rifles. "Peters'" Shells. Hunting Coats, Vests and Leggins.

Our Special Hammerless Double Barreled Gun, at $15.00.

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CHRISTMAS!

Practical Gifts For Men

To the average man a well balanced selection of Christmas gifts comes as a complete surprise. Fondly his appreciative eye dwells on each other in turn. "What a corking good layout and each the best of its kind."

There lies the secret—give him some practical article that he'll instantly realize as first class. There are rare gift possibilities in the Christmas specials shown below:

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FIVE PERSONS ARRESTED.

Police Discover Partly Dismembered Body of Young Lady.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Five persons were taken into custody after the discovery by the police today of the partly dismembered body of Miss Mary Bolduc, aged 22 years, of Manchester, N. J., in the apartment of Mrs. Jennie A. Shattuck, at Jamaica Plain. The discovery followed receipt of word from the Manchester authorities that they had been informed by a physician that a woman was dead in that house. Medical Examiner Leary, followed a superficial autopsy, announced that death was due to an illegal operation.

The police at once began an investigation and within a few hours Mrs. Shattuck and Mss Hattie M. Hazlett, of Cambridge, were arrested at the former's apartment, and Dr. John D. Ferguson and a clerk in his office, Miss O'Neill, were detained in Manchester at the request of the Boston officers. No formal charges have been lodged against them, however.

Tonight the police of Fitchburg arrested Anne E. Reed, aged 50, on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Miss Bolduc.

The Manchester police say that the physician there told them Miss Bolduc called at his office and asked for treatment, which he refused. She then secured lodgings in Boston. Last Wednesday he was informed that the young woman was dead. He came to Boston and identified the body and today laid the matter before the police.

Deputy Superintendent Watts announced later that all of the persons under arrest had been charged with murder and held without bail. They will be arraigned in court tomorrow.

Through his counsel Dr. Ferguson made a statement tonight in which he denied any connection with the crime and claimed that he had only been called into the case to identify the girl because he was known to the Shattuck woman and that afterward by advice of his attorney he notified the police.

STEP TO CONSOLIDATE ROADS

New York Central and Hudson River Ask Consent of Stockholders

New York, Dec. 22.—What was regarded in Wall street as the first step in the long-rumored plan to consolidate the subsidiaries of the New York Central system with the parent company was taken today when the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company addressed letters to the holders of its $110,000,000 3 1-2 per cent. collateral trust bonds, which were given in exchange for stock of the Lake Shore and Michigan, Southern and Michigan Central roads, asking their consent to merge either or both roads with the parent company.

tI is proposed to consolidate only the Lake Shore at this time, but owing to a provision of the mortgage the consent of the holders of the Michigan Central proportion of the issue must be obtained. The way is thus left open, however, for a consolidation of the Michigan Central with the New York Central and the bondholders are asked to give their consent to such consolidation.

According to an officer of the company the immediate object of the absorption of the Lake Shore is to obtain a through line to Chicago under one management to the end that its operation may be placed on a less cumbersome basis with more economical management.

Control of the Michigan Central and the Lake Shore was secured by the New York Central in 1898 when it issued its 3 1-2 per cent. bonds for $50,000,000 of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern stock at 200 and $18,738,000 Michigan Central stock ot 1.15.

BARRED TO VISITORS.

Treasury Callers May Not See Money Counted Hereafter.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Visitors to the Treasury Department will no longer find access to the money counting and handling divisions of that department, and the mysteries of the big vaults, with their millions of money, will not be explained by accommodating treasury guides. Until the new orders went into effect, and for many years, visitors to the Treasury have been conducted through the places of interest by Treasury employes. These places of interest have included a good view of the big vaults in the basement of the Treasury wherever money is handled or kept, except the cash room, are shut off from inspection by heavy iron bars. The basement and sub-basement floors on the north and west sides of the department look like corridors of modern prisons. Only employes in the money handling divisions are allowed behind the bars, which shut off the approaches of hallways, stairways, etc. All that is left for visitors to see and be told about now are the bond vaults on the first floor of the Treasurer's office and the cash room, with its vaults, on the same floor.

NEW CURE FOR CANCER.

German Experts Have Had Remarkable Success in Treating Mice.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Medical men are hopefully paying great attention to the latest results of the fight against cancer, which is being waged by Prof. August Von Wasserman and Drs. Keyser and Michael. Prof. Von. Wasserman has had remarkable success in treating mice which had been infected with cancer by injection into the veins a preparation of cosin and selenium. After the fourth injection the cancerous tumors almost disappeared, and in ten days some were entirely cured.

The professor, in making this announcement, was careful to say that he was not yet justified in assuming that similar results could be attained in human beings, but he contended that the view which has hitherto been held that it was impossible to reach a tumor by chemical means through the blood, and thus destroy it, has been proved by his experiments to be untenable.

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Wilmington Dairy—Milk and Cream.
Winstead Produce Co.—Florida Oranges.

COURT AMENDS RULES.

Supreme Court Moves to Reduce Cost of Litigation.

Washington, Dec. 22.—As a sort of Christmas gift to the future litigants, the Supreme Court today as its last act before adjourning for the Christmas holidays amended its rules with a view to reducing the cost of litigation. The amendments had to do with the size of records brought to the court from subordinate tribunals. The printing of the record alone in one case before the court in recent years amounted to $1,500.

The court took advantage of the necessity of amending the rules in connection with the going into effect January 1st, of the new judicial code to strike at the high cost of litigation. Several amendments were necessary to meet the requirements of the new cade. These had to do principally with the passing of the circuit courts. Because of the new code entered another order extending the present equity rules to the courts, provided for by the new code.

In announcing this order, Chief Justice White said that the old equity rules would be enforced only until the rules now being framed by the court be completed.

When the court adjourned until January 8th, it had established a record for the number of cases heard before the holidays. Practically as many cases had been argued so far this term as were argued during the entire last term, extending to June 1st.

The justices now have under consideration 120 cases. This is probably a greater number than at any other time in the history of the court.

FOUR GAMES WITH CAROLINA.

Virginia Baseball Schedule for New Season is Arranged.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 21.—J. F. Moore, of Berryville, manager of the University of Virginia baseball team, has about completed his schedule of games for the coming season, but will not make public the dates until after his return from the Christmas holidays.

The schedule will be more pretentious than that of last year. Counting the exhibition games with the Washington club, of the American League, there will be 25 contests in all—enough to keep the 'varsity nine busy until the close of the season early in May.

The feature of the schedule is the provision for four games with the University of North Carolina. For a number of years only two contests were arranged with the Old North State team, but in recent years three have been played—two in North Carolina and one in Virginia. Next Spring three of the games will be played in succession in North Carolina—one in Greensboro, one at Chapel Hill, and the third at Charlotte. The fourth and final contest will take place on Lambeth Field. On the Southern trip last year the teams broke even. The third and deciding game was played on Lambeth Field and was won by North Carolina by the close score of 1 to 0.

SALE OF LOTTERY TICKETS.

Police Learn of Extensive Sales Through Woman's Arrest.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—Through the arrest of an alleged woman shoplifter here today the police say they have learned of the extensive sale of Santo Domingo lottery tickets in Kansas City and throughout the Middle West. Fremont Weeks, an employe of the express company, is being held by Federal authorities as the Kansas City agent of the lottery. Cash prizes of about $40,000 are said to have been offered by one company involved in the disclosures today. The same promoters, it is believed, are conducting several other lotteries of equal proportion.

The disclosure came about through the arrest of a woman giving the name of Mrs. Olla Weeks, charged with stealing kid gloves in a department store. The police searching Mrs. Weeks' apartments said they discovered hundreds of lottery tickets in a suit case. The woman's husband, Fremont Weeks, was then arrested and turned over to the United States marshal. The tickets are said to have been sold as coupons of the International Mining & Investment Company, of Santo Domingo. Each bore a number and sold at 50 cents, or $1.

MAINE WRECK MODEL.

Permanent Exhibit at Navy Yard or National Museum Planned.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A model of the wreck of the battleship Maine, which has been on exhibition in the office of Secretary Meyer since the naval board returned from Hanava, probably will be placed permanently either in the naval museum at the Washington navy yard, or at the National Museum.

Naval officers and many others interested have visited and examined the model, and demonstrations of just how the accident occurred, according to the theory of the officers who composed the board, have been given for the benefit of many of the naval officers. Special lectures on the wreck model were given for President Taft, Secretary Meyer, the general board of the navy and the newspaper men.

The model is built of wood, with blue prints laid on each deck to show the various sections and parts of the vessel. Each part of the wrecked section is shown, with each plate and frame bent as it was found when uncovered.

DYNAMITING CONSPIRACY.

Hearing Adjourned Until January 3rd. Pacific Coast Witness.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—Widening the scope of its inquiry into the alleged country-wide dynamiting conspiracy, the Federal grand jury examined its first witness from the Pacific coast, Charles C. Kiser, of Los Angeles, Cal., today before it adjourned to January 3rd.

Other witnesses from Los Angeles and San Francisco as well as from New York and Boston are to be heard, it is understood, when the grand jury resumes its session. The Federal authorities are believed now to be ready to attempt to verify documentary evidence by the testimony of witnesses supposed to have knowledge of the movement of men alleged to have been associated with J. B. and J. J. McNamara and Ortie McManigal, in their confessed depredations.

More than 100 witnesses, it is said, will be called before the grand jury during January. The district attorney's office expects the jury to be able to report its findings by February 1st.

HOGAN-NELSON FIGHT

Californian Conceded Almost Every Round in the Fast Bout

New York, Dec. 22.—"One Round" Hogan was given the popular decision over Battling Nelson, former lightweight champion of the world, in a ten-round bout at the Madison Auletic Club tonight.

Nelson failed to show his old championship form. The crowd conceded almost ever yround to the Californian. Hogan was effective with his punch while Nelson's work was almost altogether in fighting, which did little damage. Despite its one-sideness the bout was a fast one.

Hogan weighed in at 134 pounds at 6 P. M., with Nelson at catch-weight, about five pounds heavier. "One Round" easily had the better of the first session, but he was much at fault for clinching. A sharp rally in the fourth Hogan sent the battler to the ropes with a left jab and right swing and Nelson came back out weakly with short arm work.

In the fifth Hogan staggered the battler with a hard right upper-cut to the chin. Hogan opened the next round with a left and right to the head without return. The battler later rushed in with a right to the head which was too far back to be effective. Hogan landed four lefts in quick succession in the seventh, but after, after breaking a clinch, the Dane swung a staggering hard right to Hogan's body. The battler got in another good blow in the eighth, a hard right upper-cut which sent Hogan to the ropes.

Hogan opened with hard blows in the ninth and was reall yall over his man with Nelson resorting to in-fighting again. In the last round Nelson landed a hard right to the pit of Hogan's stomach and a full minute of hammer and tongs fighting followed in which the crowd voted Hogan had the better.

DEATH AT ELIZABETHTOWN.

Bright Young Woman is Called Into Eternity—The Funeral.

(Special Star elegram.)

Elizabethtown, N. C., Dec. 22.—After a short illness of typhoid fever and on the eve of her birthday on Christmas eve, Miss Mary Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Newton Robinson, died at her home yesterday at 3:30 P. M. and was interred in the Methodist cemetery this afternoon at 4 P. M. Despite a downpour of rain there was one of the largest processions ever seen at a funeral here. The many beautiful floral designs which completely covered the grave, was an evidence of the high esteem in which she was held by her many friends here and elsewhere. In Miss Robinson's death this community loses one of its brightest little women and her absence will be felt in both the church and social life. She was organist at the Presbyterian church and a faithful member of the church and Sunday School. Her gentle manners and sunny disposition had won for her the love of all who knew her. Besides the grief stricken parents she leaves in sadness two brothers and two sisters, Mr. H. H. Robinson, of Memphis, Tenn; Newton Robinson, Mrs. J. B. Clark, of Elizabethtown, and Mrs. R. C. Deal, of Spartanburg, Va. Miss Robinson was 21 years old.

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FOR SALE—Horse blankets and stable covers, buggy robes, whips, rubber boots, horse covers, blankets and oiled clothing, at D. Newman & Son, 12 Market street. de23-1t*

FOR SALE—At a sacrifice today, one fine walnut cabinet organ; self feed parlor heater; drop head, ball-bearing sewing machine. Apply 303 South 7th street. de23-1t*

LOST—Heavy gold ring, with dark blue setting, between Sixth and Market and Eighth and Market. Reward, if returned to 11 North Sixth street. de23-1t

LOST—Gold belt buckle in city or on Castle Hayne road. Reward, if returned to W. G. Baldwin, Castle Hayne, N. C. de22-1t*

WANTED—A large plantation with large family house and tenant houses. Some cleared land, good soil and woodlands, on river. Give full particulars and lowest price. Address "D. M. S.," care Star. de23-2t*

FLORIDA ORANGES—We have car of oranges arrived too late for shipment, which must be sold today; $1.50 per hundred, $3 per box. Winstead Produce Co.; telephone 203. de23-2t

FANCY TOMATOES, lettuce and celery. Dressed chickens, turkeys and geese; very best of veal, beef, lamb and pork; nice pineapples, oranges, grape fruit, apples. See our supply before you buy your supply for Xmas. Oysters. Palace Market Co., 'phone 72. de23-1t

WANTED—Board on Princess street or on car line, with private family. Can furnish references; convenience of telephone wanted. State rates and give number, and will call up at once. Room wanted on first floor. Address "Business," care Star. de23-1t*

MEN—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach barber trade in few weeks; mailed free. Moler Barber College, Atlanta, Ga. de23-2t*

PUREST MILK and Sweet Cream delivered anywhere in city. 'Phone 468. Wilmington Dairy, Eighth and Princess street. de23-3t

FOR SALE—232 acres land, 50 acres under fence. Nine room house, large barn and shed, blacksmith shop, storehouse, tenant house, all in good condition. Telephone; stock of general merchandise; good orchard and vineyard. Good 6 to 8 months school within 200 yards of house. Address P. S. Hawes, Winnabow, N. C. de22-4t

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NOTICE—If you want to make your wife or husband smile Xmas morning, stop by D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co.'s, No. 130 Market street, and buy a present that will please any wife or husband. D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co., J. B. Griffith, Mgr. de15-tf

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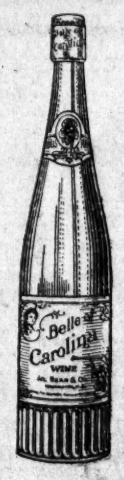

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